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Flipping for the Kinmount Fair

A performer takes to the skies in the ground aerial trapeze act at the Kinmount Fair.

Wilberforce Hosts Dynamite Motorsports Event

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

They love this course in Wilberforce.

The they, in this case, are the 100 or so hell-bent riders that came out to race in the sunshine and heat of a Labour Day Sunday.

And the course? Well it's a sinewy, shadowy, and sometimes slippery and wicked serpent's tail of a moto sport track that winds willy-nilly on the scrub brush edge of this small town of Wilberforce.

And cue cutely to the edge, because that's where all the riders were last Sunday. On the edge of a rocky precipice, coming out of the woodsy portion; on the edge of a sub-Saharan sandstorm on open moto-cross, dune-encumbered hot section; or clinging to the edges of the

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Mme. France Meunier Takes Charge at Stuart Baker

Stephen Patrick
Editor

France Meunier almost explodes with enthusiasm and energy when she speaks of her new job as Principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) in Haliburton. "The welcome and warmth I've received from this community, and school staff already is truly amazing – and school hasn't even started yet. And the local paper even wants to interview me – what a bonus." A veteran of over 20 years experience as an elementary school teacher and principal, she views the challenges and rewards at SBES as truly exceptional.

"What an Amazing Community!"

"I wanted so much to have the chance to be Principal of Stuart Baker, in particular. I knew about its very successful French Immersion program, for starters, and about the strong community support for the school." Mme. Meunier succeeds Micheline Roy, who stepped down as SBES Principal this summer after five years on the job. "Micheline is a good friend of mine, and a former colleague as well, and I'd always wanted to be part of a school that contained a French Immersion program. And to inherit a program that is as successful at this one is very special."

Mme. Meunier was born and raised in Ste. Agathe, Quebec, to a family of teachers and educators. Her father was a school superintendent and from an early age she set her sights on a teaching career. But France was also a unilingual Quebecer who very much wanted to learn English. So when she finished high school she decided to apply to York University in Toronto to study French Literature and Women's Studies – even though

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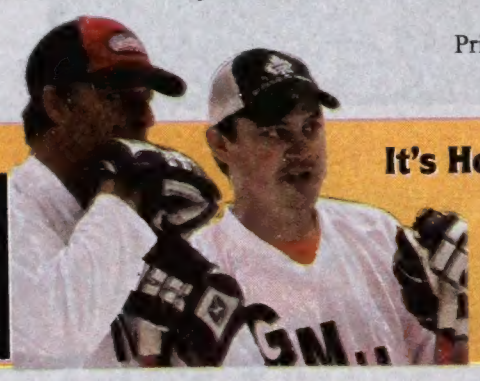

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Fire Burns Out of Control, Landlord Left with Mess

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Dump Would Have Been the Better Option Instead of Burning

Dysart et al firefighters were called to a home on Woods Rd. in Haliburton on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 27, after some "household" garbage caught ablaze and caused alarm.

The owner of the home, Lorne Bailey, spoke to The Voice shortly after firefighters arrived on the scene.

"My tenants moved out and left all this junk here," said Bailey. "I was burning this household stuff last night. I thought that the fire was out."

Bailey insists he didn't re-light the items on fire that morning and adds that he had the original fire burning during the allotted hours as outlined in the Municipalities burning regulations. Though he can't confirm it, Bailey assumes a neighbour reported the fire.

The visibly shook-up landlord says he's in disbelief of the condition that his tenants left the basement apartment in.

"I rented to people all my life and this is the worst I've ever seen. It stunk so bad when I first came in so I got rid of the carpets, the fridge was full of food and there were thousands of cigarette butts on the floor," said Bailey.

According to Bailey, the couple renting from him lived in the basement apartment for the past three years. He says the tenants took off without giving him sufficient notice.

"They left a note that said, 'I don't want anything in the house. I've moved to Peterborough. Bye.'" For three days, Bailey says he's been cleaning up the mess with a helper. The landlord says he'll be more careful in the future when choosing who his tenants will be.

An investigation into the fire is ongoing by the Municipality of Dysart et al.

For burning regulations visit www.dysartetal.ca.■

The aftermath left behind when Lorne Bailey's tenants decided to leave the rental property.

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THURSDAY
Partly sunny with morning showers
▲ 26° ▼ 14°

FRIDAY
Partly sunny and pleasant
▲ 27° ▼ 16°

SATURDAY
Variable clouds with morning showers
▲ 24° ▼ 17°

SUNDAY
Cloudy and cooler with showers likely
▲ 21° ▼ 14°

MONDAY
Morning sun, then increasing clouds
▲ 22° ▼ 13°

TUESDAY
Cloudy with morning rain
▲ 25° ▼ 17°

WEDNESDAY
Sunny and mild
▲ 24° ▼ 12°

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers

Lotto 649 — Aug 30, 2008
02 26 29 36 37 45
Bonus Number 31
Encore 0920567

Lotto Super 7 — Aug 29, 2008
01 03 16 18 22 28 43
Bonus Number 08
Encore 8439102
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These are all unofficial numbers. To confirm a win please visit www.olg.ca or visit a local authorized OLG dealer.

Fire Rating
Moderate

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Bancroft	25/14/su	27/16/pc	24/17/cl	21/14/sh	21/13/pc	25/17/ra	24/12/su
Barrie	26/15/su	27/16/pc	24/17/cl	21/15/sh	22/13/pc	26/17/ra	24/13/su
Dorset	25/14/su	27/16/pc	24/17/cl	21/14/sh	21/13/pc	24/16/ra	23/12/su
Haliburton	26/14/su	27/16/pc	24/17/cl	21/14/sh	22/13/pc	25/17/ra	24/12/su
Huntsville	25/14/su	27/16/pc	24/17/cl	21/14/sh	21/13/pc	24/16/ra	23/12/su
Kingston	26/16/su	27/17/pc	24/17/cl	22/16/sh	22/14/pc	27/17/ra	26/14/su
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Oshawa	26/16/su	28/17/pc	24/17/cl	22/16/sh	23/14/pc	27/17/ra	26/14/su
Ottawa	23/14/pc	26/15/pc	24/16/sh	23/14/sh	22/13/pc	24/16/ra	26/13/su
Toronto	26/16/su	28/17/pc	25/18/cl	22/16/sh	23/14/pc	28/18/ra	26/14/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Calgary	14/4/pc	18/7/cl	16/6/ts	16/5/dz	18/4/su	29/13/pc	32/16/pc
Edmonton	15/3/pc	17/3/cl	15/4/ts	16/4/cl	17/3/pc	27/13/pc	26/13/pc
Fredericton	25/12/pc	23/13/pc	20/9/sh	22/12/ra	22/13/su	27/13/pc	24/13/sh
Halifax	26/17/pc	25/16/pc	18/12/dz	19/15/ra	21/16/su	21/16/pc	20/14/sh
Montreal	24/13/sh	25/14/sh	24/17/sh	24/16/sh	22/15/pc	24/16/ra	27/14/su
Regina	16/6/sh	19/7/sh	18/5/cl	17/5/sh	18/5/sh	31/17/pc	32/18/cl
St. John's	20/14/sh	21/12/pc	13/13/su	14/13/ra	17/13/sh	17/13/pc	17/13/ra
Saskatoon	14/3/sh	17/6/sh	17/8/cl	14/7/cl	15/5/cl	28/15/pc	28/14/pc
Vancouver	21/11/pc	23/12/pc	20/13/su	20/12/su	20/13/su	23/14/su	22/15/su
Whitehorse	14/3/cl	14/4/sh	12/3/pc	12/0/cl	11/4/dz	12/0/pc	12/1/sh
Winnipeg	17/7/cl	16/5/sh	18/8/cl	16/7/cl	17/6/dz	27/15/su	30/16/pc

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 9/1	28°C	9°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 8/31	26°C	9°C	0.3 mm
Saturday 8/30	25°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Friday 8/29	20°C	15°C	2.0 mm
Thursday 8/28	25°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 8/27	24°C	7°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 8/26	23°C	4°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	6:40 a.m./7:45 p.m.	12:08 p.m./9:27 p.m.
Fri.	6:41 a.m./7:43 p.m.	1:14 p.m./9:57 p.m.
Sat.	6:43 a.m./7:41 p.m.	2:18 p.m./10:35 p.m.
Sun.	6:44 a.m./7:39 p.m.	3:17 p.m./11:21 p.m.
Mon.	6:45 a.m./7:37 p.m.	4:07 p.m./none
Tues.	6:46 a.m./7:35 p.m.	4:50 p.m./12:15 a.m.
Wed.	6:47 a.m./7:34 p.m.	5:24 p.m./1:17 a.m.

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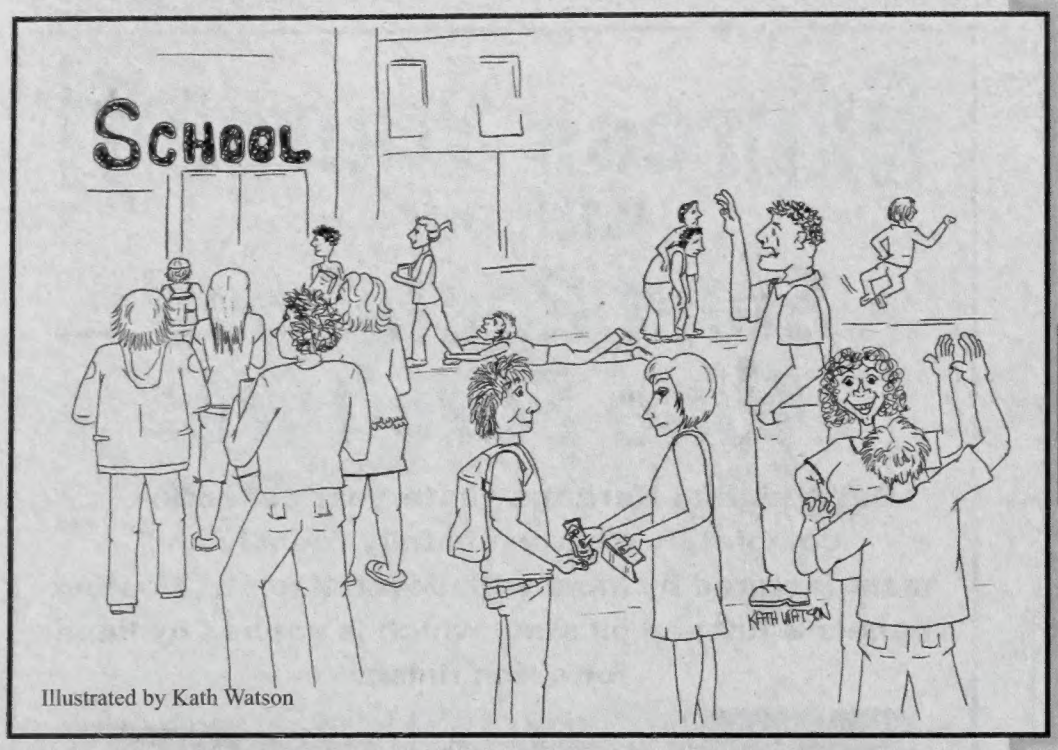

Illustrated by Kath Watson

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Building permit problems in Highlands East

I have some questions:

1:) How in the world was this ridiculous scenario allowed to evolve in the first place? The Chief Building Official (CBO) usually reports to council at every council meeting. Was council not aware of the many problems that were evolving? If not, why not?

2:) Why would the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) not become involved in these issues? Every department head reports to the CAO, who then reports to council. If the CAO wasn't aware of this situation, I must ask, why not?

3:) Was anyone in the municipality aware of what was happening, and if so did they try to correct the problem? If not, why not?

The CBO may be overzealous in the manner in which he carries out his duties, and he must apply some common sense to his job. However, one must ask, is this man totally to blame, or is he simply following the orders of his superiors?

Our current reeve has an office in the municipal building: why was he not aware of what was taking place? It appears as though the reeve, the CAO and our entire Highlands East Council have been asleep at the switch.

Wake up guys, time to start earning your keep.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham.■

Dear Editor:

"The Role of the County Voice is crucial."

I deeply appreciated Terrance Gavan's thoughtful, reflective, and well written review of A River Needs to Run. He wrote from a deep understanding of the history and political culture of Canada and 'read' my play on many levels. I wish I had written his final line!

The review was perfectly matched by Lyn Winans' and Terrance's delicate photos, which managed to capture the feel of the thirties.

I believe we're developing an interesting literary culture in the County and the role of the County Voice is crucial.

Michael Fay
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Stephen Patrick

Feral Is as Feral Does

Politicians and Pussy Cats

As our faithful readers will know, we've given extensive coverage to the ongoing feral cat debate as it's unfolded in the County over the past six months, particularly in Highlands East and Minden Hills. We've published at least a dozen stories and many passionate letters and opinion pieces.

Last week Minden Hills Council decided to give the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program a chance (see Liz Danielsen's article on page 6 of this issue for further details). As any municipal politician knows, when it comes to people's pets, or indeed any issue involving domestic pooches and pussycats, tread lightly or risk getting severely clawed at the polls. The feral cat issue is further complicated by conflicting opinions about just how feral cats behave, and whether or not they can ever be domesticated.

So, to shed further light on this contentious issue, I thought I'd introduce you to the pussycat pictured on this page who's been our family cat for the past 18 or so years, and is known to friends and foes as Scamper Deux. It might be hard to believe, but Scamper Deux, many years ago, was known as the Scourge of Donald, a pitiless killer who preyed on the village's wildlife at will, and was even accused of the vicious assault and death of a local domestic cat. We had lived in Donald in the 1980s, moving out to the bush in December 1989. But somehow our neighbours in Donald and Koshlong Lake decided that this killer cat bore such a resemblance to a cat of ours named Scamper that had disappeared in Donald in 1989 that it must be a descendant: ergo, we were responsible for this killer. These accusations were made in good humour but, needless to say, I denied all responsibility for the miscreant. None of my denials, however, deterred Koshlong Lake's Janet Bradley, who in addition to being our friend and a colleague of Haliburton Veterinarian Laurie Brown, was also a leader of the posse that was pressuring the Patricks to provide a solution to the crisis. "Would you consider," said Janet, "giving this pretty pussycat a home if we could trap it, give it proper veterinary care, shots, neutering, etc., so that the nice domestic cats of Donald might live in peace? Laurie will donate her services, we guarantee it." We said we'd consider it.

A week later the call came: the murderer had been trapped, neutered, vaccinated, cleaned up and was ready for inspection. He was, I must admit, astonishingly similar to our ex-Scamper, albeit pathetically thin and with mangled ears. Laurie did admit, without the slightest bit of guilt, that he was only about 18 months old, and no he couldn't possibly be the original Scamper. He was lying exhausted in his cage when I asked Laurie if it would be dangerous to pick him up. Of course not, she said. And so I did, and the killer immediately curled up in my arms, purring like a locomotive.

And so Scamper Deux came home, to two other resident cats, and later a pooch, that he ruled with calm authority, but never hurt in any way (and all of whom he's outlived). He's been a wonderful cat for all these years, loves his family, is suspicious of strangers, and deeply disapproves of neighbour cats that have the nerve to traverse our lawn. A poster boy for rehab, in fact. And the good pussy cats of Donald have been happy and safe ever since.■

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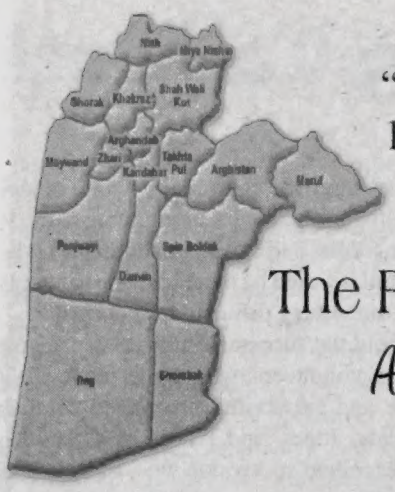


"It seems like the insurgents were hunting us, every route we took"

The Road to Kandahar

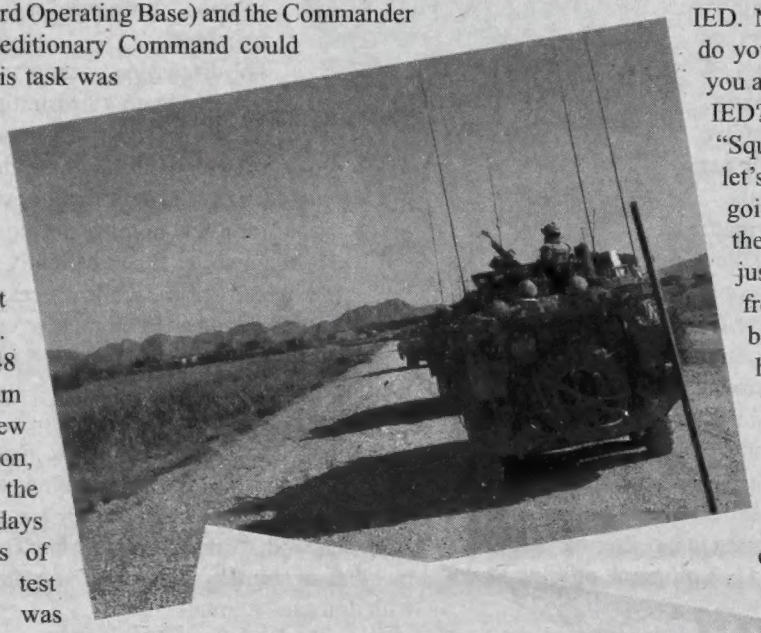
A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Wow! That Was Close!

Over the last week, the Canadian Task Force with the Afghan National Army and elements of the US Army conducted extensive offensive operations throughout the PANJWAI district. The aim was to disrupt the insurgents in the area and force them out of the region. From all accounts, it worked.

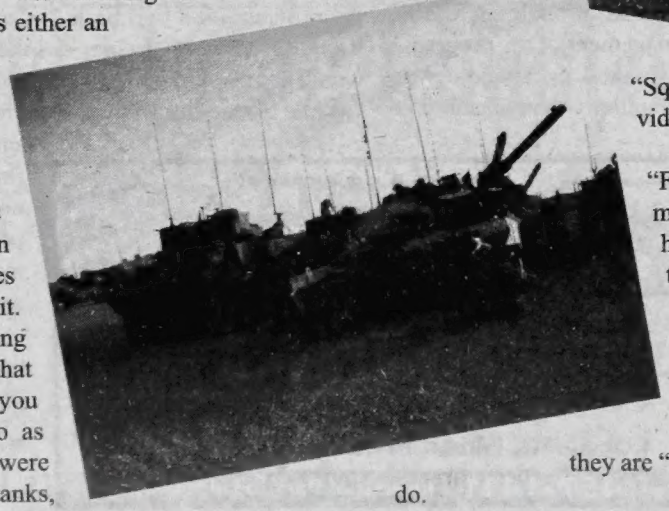
As part of the operation I received the task of taking a few rather senior personnel from Ottawa out to the Area of Operations (AO), so that awards could be handed out in the various FOBS (Forward Operating Base) and the Commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Command could talk to the troops. This task was not only making me one of the biggest targets in the AO, but was also one in which I would not have CSM Vic Hickey to keep me out of trouble (his words).



With less than 48 hours to put the program together, the crew drew vehicles, ammunition, radios and loaded the vehicles for five days in the AO. Checks of equipment and the test firing of weapons was conducted under the stern eyes of CSM Hickey – who every 30 minutes or so would ask "come on Sir, I gotta go on this one with ya!", and each time I had to tell him that as he was rotating home soon, he was not coming out.

With our guests loaded in the vehicles, we left KAF, and as we rolled out I can swear I think I saw a tear in CSM Hickey's eye (he will claim for ever that it was dust!).

On our third day out, it seems like the insurgents were hunting us on every route we took, as either an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) would go off behind us or on the routes to our flanks. One of these explosions injured the Canadian Press team and four Canadian soldiers, just five minutes after we had crossed it. The nice thing about having "The Boss" with you is that if you need assistance – you get it rather quickly. So as the day progressed, we were now moving with four tanks, a platoon of infantry, a section of combat engineers and a Forward Observation Officer to call in artillery fire – a nice little package if I say so myself. As I looked around, I just know that CSM Hickey would be monitoring the radio and listening to the events unfold, stamping his foot and complaining that he should be out there.



As we pulled up to check out a possible IED site, the tanks and engineers moved forward clearing the route. The remainder of the convoy stayed on the road, watching their assigned areas of responsibility. Strange, no farmers, no kids, no animals … and as I looked around, I saw a pile of dirt, approximately three meters in front of the vehicle. One side appeared to have fresh dirt on it. Using my binoculars, I took a closer look – "Oh My" were the words that came out of my mouth (actually something a little more colourful, but can not be printed here): the top of what appeared to be an anti personnel mine was sticking up. I signalled to the dismounts to take a closer look. I have to admit, it is an uneasy feeling when you watch the troops move forward and then back away quickly – it was an IED. No comes the fun part, how do you explain to "The Boss" that you are almost parked on top of an IED?? My solution was simple: "Squeak (my driver's nickname)" let's back her up!" – "What's going on Dave??" comes across the intercom "not much General, just an IED a few meters in front, just going to back up a bit – if that is okay with you?" his response was "What does it look like?" my response "Looks like anti personnel, but the engineers are going to take a closer look". At this point, I pulled out my camera and took a picture – passed the camera down in side the vehicle for him to see. As the situation developed, I took a few more pictures of the area and handed the camera back down. We elected to blow up the IED in place. The Combat Engineers moved forward and placed their explosives – we of course had a lovely front row view of the entire process. Just as they lit the fuse, "Squeak" says "Hey Sir you gonna video tape that?".

As the IED exploded, several "Farmers" appeared to the left of my vehicle from a series of grape huts, and another group emerged to the right, just behind my fourth vehicle. As I looked down the sights of my machine gun, it was clear that they were quite annoyed – but as they did not have weapons in their hands – they are "Farmers" and not much we could do.

A lucky day indeed. As we arrived back in KAF a few days later, CSM Hickey greeted the vehicles as they came through the gate and checked each soldier and every vehicle to see if I had damaged "his" stuff. In true fashion he met me with a crooked smile and "I told you, you should have taken me". As we packed up the vehicles for the night, the next step was to call home and tell my wife to buy some lottery tickets.

Editor's Note: for security reasons Captain Beatty's photographs of the IED and the explosion cannot be released. The accompanying photographs are, however, from the mission he describes above.■

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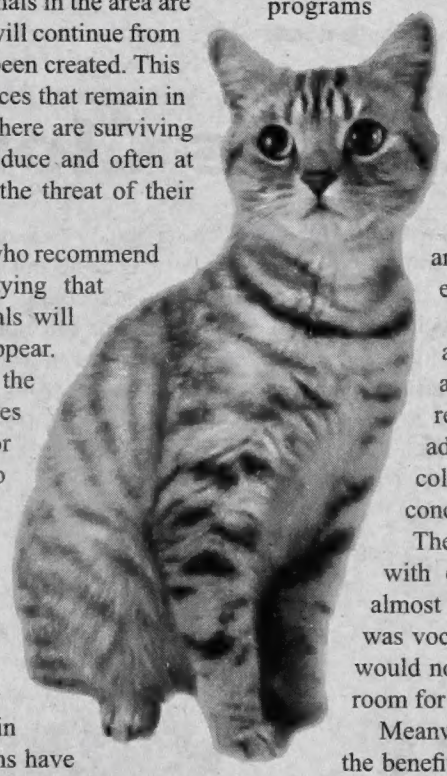
Hip Hip Meow...One for the Cats

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday the score was one to nothing in favour of the feral cats in Minden Hills. During the course of an often heated debate about how to deal with problem cats in the community, By-Law Enforcement Officer Ken Jones managed to sway Council into agreeing to support a Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) Program for feral cats on a trial basis. Part of the motion included Council's intention to consider a financial commitment to the program during upcoming budget deliberations.

At the end of the day, however, a number of questions remained unanswered. The resolution passed without discussing any details on exactly how the program will work, who will initiate it and who will be involved. Council passed the resolution with an understanding that much of the onus for the program would be shouldered by willing volunteers and no tangible financial commitment has been made. While Council may have agreed to purchase special traps for the program, no other assurances were given that funding would be made available at any time to cover the cost of veterinary services to either neuter the trapped animals or dispose of them if there is any determination of disease.

In his report to Council Jones said that the traditional method of 'disposing' of the animals as a means of eliminating the feral cat problem has proven to be a band-aid solution only. He said that even when all of the animals in the area are removed, a natural migration of cats will continue from outlying areas into the void that has been created. This is in part due to the natural food sources that remain in the area. Jones said that as long as there are surviving animals, they will continue to reproduce and often at an even greater rate in response to the threat of their extinction.



Jones was in agreement with those who recommend the use of the TNR program, saying that trapping and disposing of the animals will never make the problem disappear. In fact, he suggested that the municipality will find themselves continuing to allocate dollars for the controls that are found so abhorrent to animal lovers and the community will continue to have to deal with the negative impacts of feral cats in the form of odour, noise, dug-up flower beds and unhealthy animals.

Jones also addressed the matter of domestic cats, saying that in his opinion most of the problems have been caused by feral rather than domestic cats. According to Jones' research, a cat by-law would legally require the municipality to establish an animal shelter to receive the animals, at considerable cost. Additional man hours and a vehicle would also have to be added to the mix for enforcement of the by-law thus creating additional annual operating costs. Jones said that it was his gut feeling that if Council dealt with the feral cats through the TNR program, problems with domestic animals would also be reduced.

Jones compared costs of the program to the cost of trapping and euthanizing the animals which were virtually equal at $150 per animal. According to Jones the TNR program, with the exception of costs for vaccination and neutering could be carried out entirely by volunteers who are sympathetic to the cause of the cats. With a managed program and an established colony, cats would no longer be scavenging for food and the volunteers would work with the community to raise funds and seek donations to cover the costs of food, litter boxes, litter and shelter. This would result in the Municipality's involvement being limited to endorsing the program and committing a specific amount of funds to cover veterinarian costs on an annual basis, a cost that would be reduced over time and through successful management of the program.

Council as a whole was not initially convinced that releasing the animals back into the community would reduce incidents of fighting for food and cats being a nuisance to property owners. Councillors Barbara Reid and Peter Oyler were adamant that overall it would be more humane to simply remove the feral cats from a very difficult environment.

Jones spoke more about the success volunteers are having in many communities; volunteers who have made TNR programs work and successfully managed colonies of cats. Jones said, "Dr. Carol Sanio is an excellent motivator who is willing to take the program on and run with it. Jones mentioned that many pet food companies often donate food that is close to expiry dates for use in TNR programs. "With donated food and volunteers to assist, the animals would not be put back into an unsafe environment."

Jones said, "Dr. Sanio is a great champion and Mary Shepherd of Animal Outreach has also offered her help." Jones said he would represent the Municipality's best interests, adding that the ultimate goal was to establish colonies in areas acceptable to everyone concerned.

The discussion became more and more heated, with considerable frustration being voiced by almost all members of Council. Councillor Oyler was vociferous in his stand that the TNR program would not work and finally even walked out of the room for a few minutes during the discussion.

Meanwhile; Jones patiently continued to explain the benefits of the TNR process and how it not only reduces the number of animals over time, it also reduces issues of strong odor and destruction of property through the establishment of colonies.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that while she appreciated the amount of work that had gone into the report, but she felt that the problem of domestic cats was considerable, particularly as they are mixing with the feral cats. She said, "I disagree with the TNR program, but I do feel that an animal shelter must be established to start to deal with domestic animals."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff said, "I like portions of this. If Mary Shepherd and Dr. Sanio can get the community involved and want to establish a colony, we could buy the traps and give the program a try." Ratcliff said that if volunteers were not successful in getting a colony established the Municipality could always go back to what they had been doing in the past.

"Mary Shepherd said that the success of the program is driven by community involvement and the resources are out there in the form of training and consultation," he said. "The community itself is the solution."

Reeve Jim McMahon, while remaining somewhat skeptical about the program particularly on the issue of where a colony was to be established, said that without trying the program they would not know how it will work. "I would support the program on a trial basis." Councillor Obee also agreed it would be worth trying, despite his feeling that Council would simply end up right back where they started.

While Councillor Barbara Reid remained steadfast in being against the program, Oyler finally said, "It has been demonstrated that there are people out there that want to make this work, so I guess we could look at it."

After more discussion the motion was read and passed by the majority of Council.■

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Speaking Out About the Stanhope Airport Expansion

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Discussions about the proposed expansion of the Stanhope Airport have become more and more heated over the past several months, particularly with the ever increasing campaign being run against the project by the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association (MBC). The information MBC is providing to the public undoubtedly offers some very serious food for thought. Conversely, very little has been said about the project during Algonquin Highlands Council meetings, and virtually nothing has been heard from individual Councillors. The rationale for this has been clearly stated by Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who says that they are all anxiously awaiting the much anticipated technical studies presently being conducted.

> "Not one of them (the pilots) see the reasoning behind the plan."

The County Voice decided to approach Councillors from both Algonquin Highlands and further abroad to seek out individual opinions on the project. This week we spoke with Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner and Councillor Carol Moffat who both represent the Ward that the airport is in. In addition, we spoke with Minden Hills Councillor Barbara Reid who is taking a bit of a stand about the airport from a county-wide perspective. Here's what they had to say.

Referring to the Municipal consultant's report, Gardner says he is looking forward to seeing what will be presented to Council at their September 18th meeting. "Hopefully it will answer a lot of questions and give us an idea of what the project will look like going forward."

Gardner said that the next step, once it is determined whether the project is feasible from a geotechnical perspective is to determine the costs that come along with it. "We must determine from that point forward how we plan to pay for the project and prepare a business plan for it."

When asked if he had heard concerns about the project from his constituents, Gardner said that what is loud and clear is what is heard from the MBC, who is, according to Gardner, always against the project. "No other concerns have been raised. A few people have been asking about it, but usually in response to things that are in the papers."

Gardner said that he has always been a supporter of the airport in the past and continues to be so. "Once we have more information it will help us to decide on the future of the airport."

Councillor Carol Moffat reflected Gardner's comments when it comes to the need for a business plan. Unlike Gardner though, Moffat has some serious reservations about the project.

"I'm all for seeking out economic development opportunities and our airport is a fabulous asset. However, I am a bit skeptical about the Township's human resources and financial capacities to manage the business side of the proposal. I would like to see some form of business feasibility study that details management requirements, marketing and expected growth," said Moffat. "What I don't understand is how you can build something of that magnitude when you haven't planned a functioning future."

Having said that, Moffat was quick to add, "I can't wait for the report and a plan for the future that hopefully will prove me wrong."

When asked what approach she had taken to determine how residents in her Ward felt about the project, Moffat spoke about her experience. "As a new Councillor I will not be able to catch up on the years of meetings and conversations that some of our more experienced Council members have had." Moffat referred to herself as a bit of an information junkie who wants to know as much as she can before making a decision.

She said, "I've been trying to do all the things I should as a Councillor, but somehow the project was still not sitting right in my mind. As Councillors, I think we have two levels of responsibility. One is to move ahead with the business of the municipality, but the other is to build and maintain a relationship with the community. So I went to those I am supposed to represent to see how they feel."

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Moffat talked about one of her earliest conversations that happened quite inadvertently while she was getting a pedicure. "Our conversation led to a question about the airport project and I got a negative response. This turned into an unexpected opportunity for us to have a chat about the airport and for me to hear how many concerns there were. I assured the woman that all the information about the airport project would be made available and her questions answered."

According to Moffat she has also received calls from a number of pilots in the area and says, "Not one of them sees the reasoning behind the plan."

She stressed the importance of ensuring that there is an opportunity for questions at the public meeting. "In fact, I have advised Council that there is insufficient time for anyone to prepare for the meeting." (This concern is given the fact that there are only two days between Council receiving all the details of the report and the public meeting in Dorset on September 20th.)

Moffat did agree that the timing of the meeting must balance against the fact that there is an election within two years and if the project is to get off the ground, it should proceed now. "We simply have to make sure that a fully open process has been undertaken and everyone who has something to say has that opportunity before a decision is made. I don't think that 48 hours is enough and I would like to see a detailed business plan before a final decision is made to proceed."

Accepting the differences between the roles of both administration and Council, Moffat also raised concerns about the lack of meetings about the project. "We are five separate people, each with one vote but as an individual I think it is an awfully big project and we might have been better served to have had an opportunity to meet with the consultant during the course of the review."

"I understand that meeting with consultants is an administrative role. However the project has such potential for positive or negative impacts on the community that it should require more from us as Councillors and may be unfair for our CAO to have to bear that responsibility alone."

"Building the runway is not a finite project and we need to know how and why building it will impact economic aspects of the municipality. I do see the runway as a stepping off point for a terrific future for the airport, but we should not be involved in a guessing game before arriving at a decision."

Moffat also spoke of the importance of interested parties making a commitment to become involved in the development. "There are letters on file at the municipal office indicating that people have an interest in the airport and its expansion; but they need step up to the plate, say they're on board and make a commitment so that we can better judge the viability of the project and what our next steps should be."

Moffat also voiced concern about fire fighting capabilities.

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New Principal at Stuart Baker Cont'd...

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her English was very limited. But she was determined, and became fluent in the language as her studies progressed. She graduated from York on schedule, and took post graduate work in education at the University of Toronto and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. "I think learning and speaking more than one language is a great gift, and it's particularly exciting to see how integrated our English and French programs are here at Stuart Baker. We've just had a curriculum meeting, and each stream has almost identical components. Both English and French streams work side by side."

Mme. Meunier's last job was Principal of Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk, and prior to that she was Vice-Principal at Scott Young Public School in Omemee. But this is her first French Immersion School, and that is clearly very special for her. "You know, Stuart Baker is the envy of so many other schools in the Trillium Lakelands Board, not only for its successful French program, but for its exceptionally high level of volunteers and community supporters – no other elementary school compares." As well, SBES's enrolment has not suffered, and as Principal Meunier prepares to welcome the 312 girls and boys to the new school year, she looks to the future with confidence: "I want to build on the success of the past, along with our excellent and caring staff: and I can't wait to meet the children, and their parents."

There is one cloud on the horizon of all Ontario's elementary school teachers and principals, however: the contract negotiations between the teachers and the government have not progressed as well as many hoped over the summer, and some work disruption is a possibility this fall. But Principal Meunier has high praise for the SBES staff in their ability to separate their ongoing duties from any labour difficulties. "We are all professionals, and we'll act accordingly."■

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"There is no water there. We can't force volunteers to attend training and I am sure there are specific aerodrome fire fighting requirements and for any industrial or commercial enterprise that becomes involved in the development."

Moffat said that she sometimes feels like she is the anchor on Council's boat. "My fellow Councillors are well aware of my skepticism and concerns. However I remain a single vote and it is my sincere hope for the community that detailed reports and studies prove me wrong and we have something that is good and useful for the future. Until then there is still a lot more we need to know before making a final decision to move forward."

Minden Hills Council Barbara Reid has some very grave concerns about the project as well.

Reid said, "The airport project was below the radar screen for me until October of last year when we attended our first Municipal Day." (Municipal Day is a gathering of all the Councils from the four municipalities to learn about and discuss County wide issues.) Reid said that one of the items on the agenda for discussion was the Stanhope Airport. "I wondered why it was on the agenda and think they were running up the flagpole with their preliminary business case."

Reid said that initially it had been her perception that the cottagers were simply cranky about more air traffic, but she quickly realized the potential tax implication for everyone in the County if the airport went ahead. She went to her Council and voiced concerns about there being no confirmed source of revenue for the airport expansion. Reid spoke of the number of maybes involved which includes the possibility of use by emergency services, that industry may be attracted, that MNR may use the runway. "Maybes are insufficient to proceed unless there are people willing to put their money on the table. There must be commitments from people that say "If you build it we will come."

"I started to look at the financial implications and in particular the cost of ongoing maintenance and found that the existing airport has consistently lost money along with a lot of other small airports. It's tough to put together a business case for a small airport anywhere and I don't want to see taxpayers in Minden Hills supporting a white elephant if funding flows through the County."

According to Reid if the project is to be successful funding must come from beyond Algonquin Highlands. She said she has been led to believe there would be a requirement for support from the other Municipalities in the County rather than the Algonquin Highlands initiative 100% funded through their own tax base as she earlier thought. "The capital portion may not be a problem as there may be funding available through the province or the federal government. But the continuing operations of the airport would likely fall to everyone in the County to keep the project running, and that is a basis for concern," said Reid.

"When I saw there were no committed new users for the airport it made the issue of air traffic go away."

According to Reid there have already been rumblings and rumors that federal funding might be made available for the capital portion of the project. "My reaction was twofold," she said. How could our MP decide that the airport is the best use of funds given the obvious the lack of support for the project. We need affordable housing, medical facilities, money to attract doctors and so many other priorities."

Reid says she e-mailed MP Barry Devolin to determine whether federal money has been committed to the airport expansion but is still waiting for a reply. "If money is available for the airport there needs to be a discussion about priorities in Haliburton County," she said.

As a final comment, Reid said, "I hope that the organization and community involvement that has been obvious during the campaign against the airport is brought to bear in 2010 during the next municipal elections.

Both Moffat and Reid spoke of their responsibilities as Councillors to represent the public, albeit in different municipalities, and to be able to speak out. Their comments also mirrored one another in saying that if they were to be true representatives of their constituents they were compelled to have concerns about the airport expansion.■

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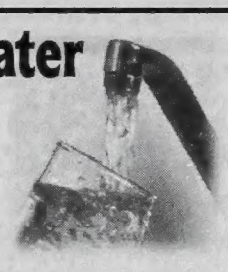

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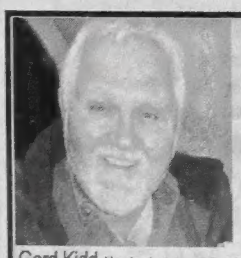

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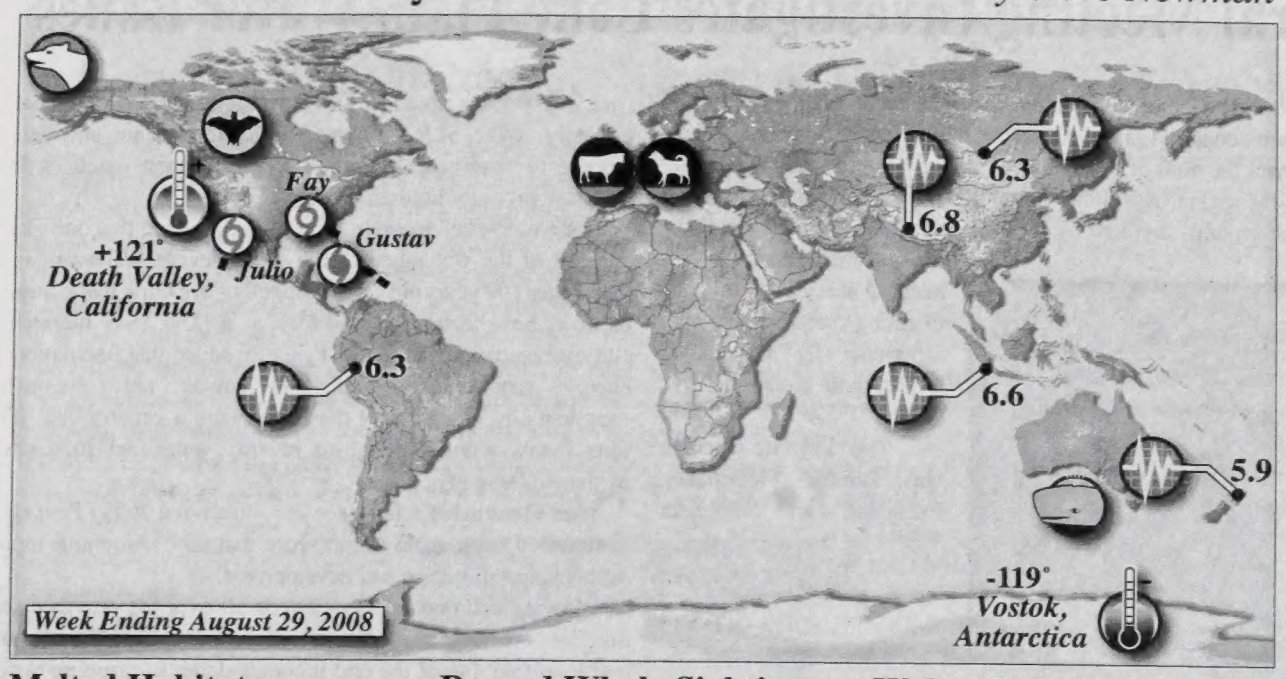

Melted Habitat

An aerial survey off the northwest coast of Alaska in mid-August found at least nine polar bears swimming in open waters, with one foundering at least 60 miles from shore. The discovery came just before U.S. scientists announced that Arctic sea ice has shrunk to its second-lowest coverage on record. "To find so many polar bears at sea at one time is extremely worrisome because it could be an indication that as the sea ice on which they live and hunt continues to melt, many more bears may be out there facing similar risk," said Geoff York, polar bear coordinator for the World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Arctic program. The U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center says some of the most dramatic melting occurred this summer in the Chukchi Sea, where WWF discovered the nine bears.

Wind Farm Deaths

The growing construction of wind turbines poses a greater danger to bats than birds, according to a new study by Canadian researchers. Their findings may explain why bats have accounted for 60 percent of winged animals found dead around some wind farms, exhibiting no apparent injuries. Writing in the journal *Current Biology*, Erin Baerwald of the University of Calgary said she found that a sudden drop in atmospheric pressure around the spinning turbines causes the bats' lungs to burst. The researchers discovered that about 90 percent of bats found dead at wind farms had suffered from internal hemorrhaging caused by the effect. Researcher Robert Barclay added that the slow reproductive rates of bats means that the mounting losses at wind farms could bring the insect eaters to the verge of extinction.

Record Whale Sightings

Tourists and marine mammal researchers say they have been delighted at the record number of whales in the Great Australian Bight off South Australia this southern winter. Tourist officer Margie Stott told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that 166 different whales have been spotted — 23 more than in the previous record year of 2005. Researchers have documented the births of more than 40 southern right whale calves since the season began in May. They join 56 adult whales, which have been visible from viewing platforms.

Tropical Cyclones

At least 11 people perished in Florida from Tropical Storm Fay's six-day trek across the state, mainly due to flooding and traffic accidents.

• One soldier was killed and roads were washed out across southern Baja California by flash flooding unleashed by Tropical Storm Julio.

• Hurricane Gustav slammed the Dominican Republic and Haiti, killing at least 22 people before taking aim on far western Cuba and the Gulf of Mexico late in the week.

Earthquakes

About 4,000 residents in a remote area of Tibet were evacuated to safer housing after a 6.8 magnitude quake damaged homes near the China-Nepal border. The ground shifted nearly 20 feet at one location.

• Residents on New Zealand's North Island picked up items knocked off shelves and tables by a sharp earthquake centered near the city of Hastings. No injuries were reported.

• Earth movements were also felt in Java, eastern Peru and Russia's Lake Baikal region.

Wolves Rebound

A westward migration of wolves from Eastern Europe has brought them into areas of Germany where the wild canines have not been seen in centuries. Wildlife officials say the wolves are increasingly being found in residential areas, even on the outskirts of Berlin. The trend follows earlier increases in the number of red foxes, which the wolves feed on. Wolves and foxes are only the start of a resurgence of wildlife not seen since the Middle Ages, according to biologist Josef Reichholf of the University of Munich. "Weasels and otters and raccoons are already well re-establishing themselves," he told Deutsche Presse-Agentur. "And the European moose elk is poised to move westward," he added.

Animal Magnetism

A new study has found that grazing animals like deer and cattle tend to align their bodies to Earth's magnetic field lines. Researcher Sabine Begall and her colleagues at Germany's University of Duisburg-Essen examined Google Earth images of 8,510 cattle in 308 pastures around the world, and made direct observations of 2,974 wild deer at 225 locations in the Czech Republic. They found that whether grazing or resting, the animals tended to face magnetic north or south. Writing in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Begall notes that because the direction of wind and sunlight varied widely at the observed pastures, the only common factor that could have influenced the animals' positioning was the magnetic field.

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Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked students and a staff member at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, "How was your first day back at school?"

Jaden Wilson – "It was fun. We got to make our own name cards, we've been learning about our lockers and that's exciting. I was kind of nervous because there are lots of older kids. I'm looking forward to having recess and the fire alarm."

Jordan Miscio – "It's been good. I've liked seeing the different teachers. We got to make a placemat that has our name on it and we had French. Going on the swings has been fun."

Brittany Bull – "My mom drove me today. That's been a bit of a tradition. She always takes me on the first day. I've been real excited to come for some reason, maybe because it's a new school. I got a tour of the school before finally coming here. I liked today because it's like getting a whole day off and we don't have homework for a week."

Joan Foulds, Librarian/ Literacy Coach – "It's great seeing all the kids back with their smiling faces and the kids I've taught in the past. I've just been getting the library ready. I liked seeing the excitement of all the kids meeting the teachers this morning, the buzz of everything getting started and everyone getting back into their routines."

Chase Burden – "It feels weird being back to school because it's a new school. We've been making name tags so the teachers know who we are. The other kids here have been ok. Coming to school today was fun. My mom dropped me off."

Ethan Keefer – "It was a little bit freaky going into JDH. It's a new school for me. There are new teachers, new classes and a new gym. I got dropped off by my mom today. She was kind of nervous for me going to a new big school."

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Soyers Lake Annual General Meeting Investigates Lake Plan, Water Issues

Residents on Soyers Lake spoke last weekend, and like a lot of cottage associations in the Haliburton Highlands they maintain unequivocally that 'it's all about the water.'

And, of course, water encompasses a plethora of issues, ranging from quality, to end use, to standards and practices. The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association (SLRA) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Saturday morning at the Delta Pinestone Resort and they proved, in the nonce, that cottage associations in toto seem attached, almost umbilically, to a large all-encompassing cottage country Matrix. And, like the Matrix, sequels are inevitable.

Lake development, water quality, high-speed Internet, uranium mining concerns, the looming waterfront taxation kafuffle and lake plan possibilities were all addressed in the course of a rousing two-hour meeting last Saturday. (High-speed Internet not so much, as Soyers Lake is apparently pretty simpatico right now with Bell's Sympatico high-speed delivery.)

And, the good news? Crunched between the odds and sods, the loons continue to inspire. Two nesting pairs were spotted on Soyers Lake this summer. Lake steward, Ross Partridge said the Loons arrived in April and the nesting pair on the south side hatched a still surviving pair of chicks, but the northern couple may have lost their hatchlings, because no chicks were spotted. Yes, midst the cacophony of the sundry detritus and developmental details, nature prevails. Uplifted by the news, the AGM voted unanimously to continue their yearly $50 donation to Canada's Loon Survey group.

President Kim Stamp mapped out other key issues in her brief introduction to the meeting, and she urged residents to go to the website (www.soyerslake.ca) in order to stay current with matters concerning the lake, development and common concerns. Indeed, in keeping with that theme, she said that the newsletter committee will now be named the communications committee, a tactic aimed at streamlining news delivery via online sources. She added that the website is a great tool for summer cottagers especially, allowing them to stay competent with issues as they occur, even from afar.

Stamp said that there were concerns about the D2R Nature Park development at the north end of the lake, but added that a letter to Minden Hills township offices indicated that "no further actions have been undertaken by developers." Some SLRA members are quite concerned about the development and have demanded further input before the developers are allowed to proceed. Stamp allowed that the D2R project is just one example outlining how a comprehensive lake plan might help to define parameters vis-à-vis development and act as a bulwark against future waterfront projects and strategies deemed detrimental to environmental strategies, resident philosophy and lake policies.

Stamp also mentioned that there were petitions and links on the website for input regarding water flow, mining, and ratepayers taxation. She urged the SLRA to get on board and behind all of these initiatives. Most cottage associations in this area now have websites and they are being used as a response against a presumed lack of communication between summer residents and their council. Again, there seems to be a perception that councils enact the bulk of development strategies in the fall, winter and early spring. As Stamp says, the website and a keen ear on the ground, supplied by the Soyers Lake permanent residents, remains the best strategy for keeping abreast of council's planning strategies that may otherwise fly underneath a less than comprehensive radar.

The keynote speaker was Bonnie Fleischaker, President and Founder

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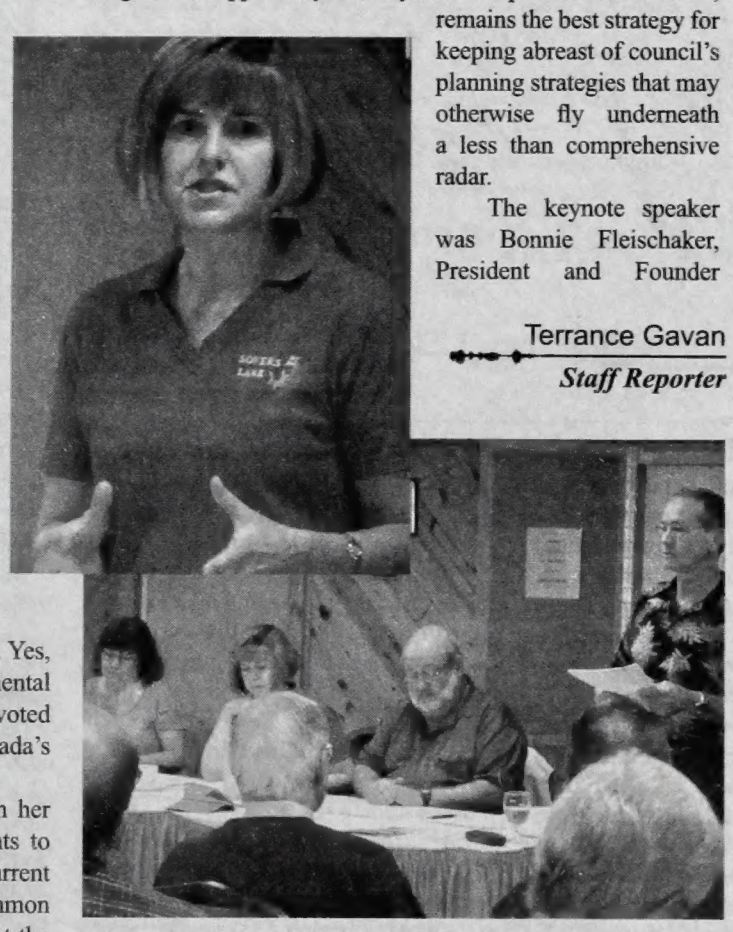

SLRA President Kim Stamp welcomes members (top). Treasurer Cass Bassie gives report. (bottom)

of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, (CEWF) - see accompanying story on page 11 - and her talk succinctly addressed the overarching concerns about the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) and ongoing issues and consequences for watershed lakes in this area especially. Her appearance at the Soyers AGM was quite timely, considering that residents on Gull Lake, Horseshoe Lake and several others in the area are seeing a rapid decline in water supply right now. Boats on Gull Lake are beached, and Fleischaker says that the situation is dire right now for those residents wanting to get their boats out of the water. "Something will have to be done to help those people to get their boats floating (so they can remove them)," said Fleischaker, from her home last Sunday evening. She adds that her phone has been ringing constantly over the past week with calls from worried residents about the alarming lack of water in the collector and reservoir lakes attached to the Trent Severn system. "I have no idea what's causing it, but we're doing our best to find out," said Fleischaker.

Fleischaker's unstinting effort since forming the CEWF back in 2006 was noted by David Pengelly in his introduction. Pengelly is the SLRA Environmental Consultant and he is helping to spearhead initiatives to ensure best practices for lakefront property holders on Soyers Lake.

"Our water level depends strongly on one fact; that our lakes are part of the watershed of the Trent Severn Waterway and that's over 100 years old," said Pengelly. "We think that it might be time, now, to take a good look at it (The TSW hierarchy and management practices)." Pengelly added that populations, energy requirements and draw-downs are obviously exponentially larger today than they were a century ago. It's time today, without delay, to revamp watershed strategies, explained Pengelly.

After Fleischaker's talk (see accompanying story) Pengelly was called upon again to introduce that now ubiquitous topic of lake plan strategies and development.

It seems that cottage associations all over the province are looking to develop a lake plan management strategy. The reasons are manifold, but in the end it comes down to mapping out a comprehensive strategy for future development, in the hope that the relevant councils will assess those strategies in mapping out planning strategies that impinge upon lakefront properties. The lynchpin of each of these strategies thus far seems to encompass a dedicated view toward best environmental practice. The expansive theme seems to rely upon one unassailable fact: that people living on the lake know best how to manage strategies that point toward a sustainable future.

Pengelly turned the mike over to treasurer Cass Bassie, who has been looking into lake plan development strategies over the past year. Bassie, who earlier in the meeting provided ratepayers with the good news that all is well and in the black with the SLRA auditors, had some sobering news with regards to formulation of a lake plan.

Bassie said that lake plans are expensive and can run from $5,000 to $30,000. He added that the low-end estimate would require a large input of volunteer labor and that the high-end quote would depend upon rather large input from planning consultants. Either way, he said that these projects can take from three to seven years to complete, and are quite labor intensive. "If we were to do this ourselves, it would require from six to 10 volunteers," said Bassie, adding that the time frame for completion would probably encompass from three to five years.

Bassie did say that the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) is working on a lake plan tool kit package which would serve to streamline the lake plan development process and he suggested that a blend of professional and volunteer input into the lake plan might provide the best possible scenario for the eventual development of a Soyers Lake plan.

He also suggested that the Township of Minden Hills already has a planning consultant on board, and that it might be wise to consider utilizing their Planscape consultants for the draft. Bassie said that since the eventual objective is to provide a working format for future development strategies, which

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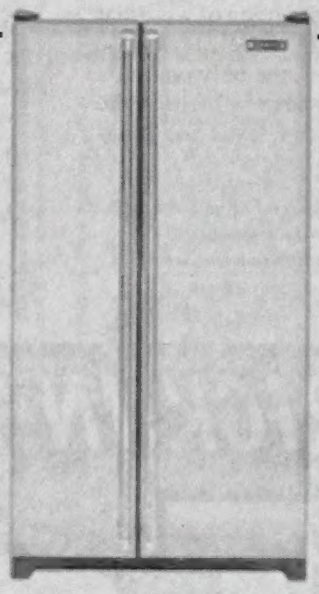

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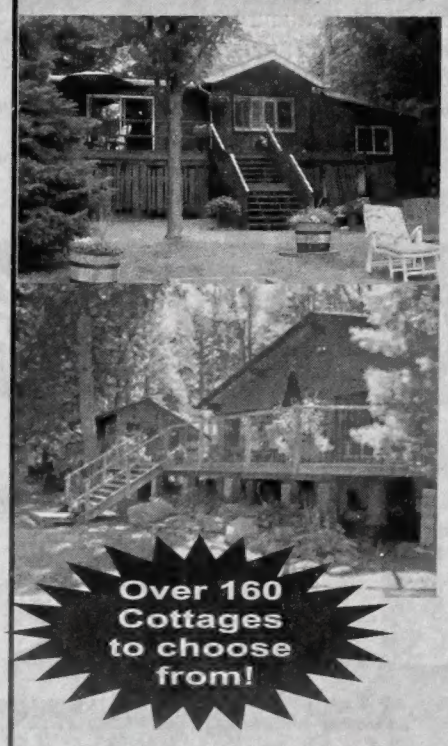

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Coalition for Equitable Water Flow Sets Sights on Trent Severn Strategy

New management Practices Needed to Stabilize the TSW Watershed

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

"The lakes are a mess right now, and you can quote me on that," says Bonnie Fleischaker, feisty founder and chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF). Fleischaker was the guest speaker at the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association (SLRA) annual general meeting at the Pinestone last Saturday, but those particular comments came via phone last Sunday night from her Minden area lakefront home.

"When you consider how much precipitation we've had this summer and all of the snow we had last winter, I think there's something wrong," says Fleischaker. She is more than perplexed. She is borderline outraged at this situation, which is disturbing, because, as Fleischaker says, it's a problem that has been wobbling around the lake-fringed periphery of the Highlands for well over a decade.

"And levels are down not just in a couple of areas or lakes. Everything is down, and I'm getting calls out of my ying-yang from residents who want to know what's happening," she says.

Bonnie Fleischaker

She explains that things are especially bad right now in the vicinity of Horseshoe and Gull Lakes. "A lot of boats are beached on Gull Lake right now," says Fleischaker, who adds that she and the CEWF will be making efforts to address this problem in the coming week, hoping to provide cottagers with some redress to this perplexing but apparently not unprecedented problem. Water levels on Gull Lake have been a source of huge consternation over the past several years. This is just another indication that something is fundamentally wrong with water management strategies at this end of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) chain. "Every effort will be made to float those boats again," says Fleischaker, who adds that cottagers and residents with boats are worried that if water levels continue to remain low, they will have trouble getting their boats out of the water and into winter storage.

The Sunday night call provided just another insight into Fleischaker's life as the de facto sounding board for water management strategies in the Haliburton Highlands. Fielding calls, hosting meetings, petitioning municipal, provincial and federal authorities and a comprehensive reading list keeps the CEWF founder very busy. It's become part and parcel of her everyday life and something she's grown used to since she decided to form the CEWF back in 2006.

As she told the Soyers Lake AGM last Saturday, this is an avocation and a full-time job, a fixation, which keeps her very busy throughout the year, because as she says, the water issues don't disappear at freeze up.

But Fleischaker remains undaunted by the plethora of work, preferring instead to concentrate on the positives, and the subsequent enlightened environmental initiatives undertaken by the CEWF in the past three years. Initiatives intended to address overwhelming inequities, which continue to bubble boisterously to the surface of this contentious issue of 'water, water, everywhere, with, we hope, some drops for drinks.'

She is quite aware of the task at hand, and she continues to do yeoman work in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

"This is a 40 hour a week job right now," Fleischaker tells the Soyers Lake faithful. Of course it's also 40 hours per week that she's not getting paid for. This lady is doing it all for free, placing huge amounts of "kayak-time" on the shelf for the nonce, with a eye to delivering some semblance of sanity to the overarching issues involved with the maintenance of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) system and especially to an apparent policy ambivalence as it pertains to the reservoir and flow-through lakes and rivers here in the northern reaches of the TSW watershed.

She does it not for personal recognition or money. She does it because she cares deeply.

"This is a huge undertaking, and not only is it important to all of us, but it is urgent, we have to take care of it today," says Fleischaker. She adds that the issues are muddied because of the plethora of lakes involved, and the fact that the individual personalities of each of those lakes must be considered when planning strategies are implemented.

"I am in love with this area and have been for my entire life," says Fleischaker. She is a mother, ratepayer, avid naturalist and she loves to kayak. She says that the increasing use and abuse of our finite water supplies are alarming. And so she foregoes her once frequent forays by kayak nowadays and instead spends her waking hours delivering a message of conservation, a message that she hopes will be heard by the people responsible for delivering strategies.

Right now, the TSW is administered by Parks Canada and Fleischaker says that a recent panel (The Panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway) convened by Ottawa back in 2007, issued their report (It's All About the Water") last spring and urged the federal government to delete Parks Canada's involvement in the management of the TSW, in favor of an oversight management committee headed by an engineer with expertise in the area of all facets of watershed management. The panel concluded that Parks Canada does not possess the wherewithal nor the knowledge base to sufficiently deal with all aspects of watershed management.

At this time of year, mismanagement of the TSW is exemplified by the rapidly disappearing shorelines on TSW reservoir lakes, a recession that Fleischaker says comes as a direct result of huge draws on the limited water. There are currently huge demands on available water resources, a burden which Fleischaker says is now shared between 108 separate stakeholders that form the TSW conglomerate. That's a lot of mouths to feed and the problem occurs when they all move forward at once.

Drinking water in Peterborough, hydroelectric needs, waste-water management sites, canal operations, trout spawn depth control and other sundry operations serve to wobble water resources. And the accompanying water draw-downs are beholden to no comprehensive oversight plan. They operate independent of an abiding water strategy, under the separate aegis of municipal, provincial and federal jurisdictional bodies. And there's the rub, says Fleischaker. One hand has absolutely no connection to the other, and at times, when all of those separate entities issue increased demands at once, the lakes and rivers at this end of the TSW watershed can suffer from sometimes severe and always befuddling water drops.

"Management must be equitable and the draw downs must reflect the ecology of each individual lake," says Fleischaker. She says that it's important for people to get involved in the overall strategy and process, and to that end she came prepared with a petition asking the federal government and environment minister John Baird to reassess a new power initiative approved by the feds regarding the new eight-megawatt hydroelectric power generating station between Locks 22 and 23 in the Trent-Severn Waterway system. Again, Fleischaker insists that its just such overweening federal initiatives that point capably to the big picture. She explains that granting of the license to the Trent Rapids Power Corporation is just another instance indicating governmental disregard for environmental and quality of life concerns for those residents living in the already over-staked TSW watershed.

"Mr. Minister, 40,000 lakefront property owners are fearful that their efforts and those of the Panel (TSW Panel) will be disregarded when important decisions are made in Ottawa about the future of the entire Waterway," states the petition to Baird. "We base theses feelings on the seeming haste to grant the license to the Trent Rapids Power Corporation. May we call upon you to provide us with assurances that this is not the case and that transparency will prevail in the process henceforth."

Fleischaker says that the federal government along with the municipal and provincial players have to be made aware that every additional draw on the watershed serves to undermine the overall balance of the TSW.

She is hoping that other recommendations by the TSW Panel will be heard and acted upon. She notes that the panel has urged governments to regard First Nations and lake residents as major players in the whole development process. "This is the first report in 70 years that supports waterfront property owners," says Fleischaker.

She told the Soyers Lake AGM members last Saturday that it is therefore incumbent upon all people with a stake in this high level struggle to become involved.

And so she urged all of the ratepayers to petition government officials, including their municipal, provincial and federal representatives.

"We have to get the people everywhere involved, and we have to understand that our water is not an infinite resource," says Fleischaker.

She reminded people that Fleming College will be hosting the Lakeland Conference on September 27th from 8:30 am to 3 pm.

She says that the conference will give residents a chance to talk to TSW Panel member Greg Bishop about the panel report, and will also give residents a chance to buttonhole local MP Barry Devolin about how the federal government intends to utilize the panel's recommendations.

"I urge everyone to come to that conference," says Fleischaker.

For Bonnie Fleischaker, the conference is just another chance to deliver the crucial message that, "we're all responsible for our waterways."■

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137th Annual Kinmount Fair Has Something for Everyone

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The population of the tiny town of Kinmount grew by thousands on the Labour Day weekend for the 137th annual Kinmount Fair held at the fairgrounds.

Ever year, approximately 40,000 people make their way to the grand fair which boasts the slogan of "the fair with the forward look." The annual fair, sponsored by the Kinmount Agricultural Society first started in 1872.

"Our fair is one of the younger ones. A lot of the fairs are over 150 years old," said Guy Scott, one of the Directors and past President of the Fair Board. "We've grown a lot since the 1800's. We've attracted crowds from beyond the community."

Over the years, Scott has attended several fairs and as a result, has picked up ideas from them to use at the Kinmount Fair. In 1990, Scott was the President of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

"I got to trade ideas and learn about things in the fair industry," he explains.

"The fair business is a lot bigger than most people imagine," says Scott. "The fair is one of the few processions with so many different things. There's something for all ages. It's a mind-boggling variety of entertainment."

Perhaps what really kick-started the popularity of the Kinmount Fair was when the Tommy Hunter Show came to the fair in 1972. Hunter, known as "Canada's Country Gentleman", hosted his own popular variety show for 27 years. He came and filmed a segment at the fair which was broadcast across the country, thus generating a lot of interest in the event.

"We really took off after that and never looked back," says Scott.

Scott adds that while some fairs are considered "elitist fairs", the Kinmount Fair is put on by the combined efforts of many.

"It's a community affair. The community really pitches in to help us out," he said.

The purpose of the Kinmount Fair, Scott says, is to educate and entertain those who attend.

"People get to learn about the agricultural side of things with all the livestock that is on display. This fair is not only about our stage acts," he says.

This year's event brought out a total of 550 trailers with campers, many of whom stayed on-site for the duration of the three-day fair or for an entire week.

Some of the features at this year's fair included: various horse shows, the family circus show (Globe of Death, Wheel of Death and Ground Aerial Trapeze Act) and country performer Aaron Lines. Farm animals and dog shows were a part of the agricultural side of things and laughs and screams filled the air from the midway. The crashing action of the demolition derby also made for some exciting entertainment on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, a Warriors Day Parade, held to pay hommage to Canadian Legions and past and present soldiers was a highly decorated part of the day's festivities (see accompanying story.)

Plans are already underway for next year's fair and Scott believes there are several good reasons for people to attend.

"We have one of the most beautiful fair grounds in Ontario. There's a really good atmosphere here and people get that sense of excitement when the fair comes to town."■

Soyers Lake Ratepayers Seeking Input re Lake Development Initiatives

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emanate from the township of Minden Hills, using Planscape as a consultant would dovetail quite nicely with adjudication of bylaw strategies and planning outcomes. But once again he warned the AGM that everything comes with attendant costs.

"We are on our own in funding a lake plan," said Bassie, adding that no provincial or municipal funding strategies for lake plan development are currently in place.

He said that lake plans are embedded to "keep development in tune with our wishes.

"We need an equitable way to ensure that by-laws and amendments reflect the wishes of the Soyers Lake ratepayers," said Bassie. "If development is at odds with a lake plan, then planning decisions are easier to deal with." He said that local councils would not necessarily be tied to, but would have to consider lake plan strategies when assessing development strategies within and abutting lake properties.

Bassie said that lake plans are seen as the best bulwark against planning boards or township visions which may clash with the a lake associations' mission statement as set down in their plan. The contentious D2R development was used as an example outlining the efficacy of lake plans in assessing what development would or would not be supported by lake residents.

Bassie, Pengelly and Stamp all stressed that the lake plan proposal was still in the planning stages and they urged all members to read the working document on the website and provide their input. The membership agreed to forge ahead with further studies into lake plans, especially those being undertaken by other area lakefront associations.

Last weekend's AGM was sparsely attended, (about 30 members attended the meeting), and SLRA president Kim Stamp did mention that the Labor Day weekend might not be the best time of year for the annual meeting. This prompted a motion, and unanimous vote, to move the meeting to a more effective date. Next year's AGM will be held in the latter part of June or early July.

The group also voted to match last year's $1,000 donation to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services (HHHS) Foundation. In another vote, the current Directors and Executive positions were all confirmed to another year of service.■

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Kinmount Fair Pays Homage to Our Warriors

This past weekend the Kinmount Fair paid special tribute to Canadian Legions and soldiers both past and present. The usual practice of having a politician preside over the official opening of the fair was abandoned, and the honour was bestowed upon Bernice Owens, the RCL Ladies' Auxiliary Zone Commander. The parade itself included warriors young and old from many locations throughout the province. In his opening address to the crowd, past president Guy Scott made reference to the fact that many fairs have abandoned parades for a variety of reasons, but that Kinmount will continue with theirs. It "just feels right", he stated with conviction.

Warriors' Day had its roots to the south of us. Edward, Prince of Wales informally awarded military decorations to a parade of veterans at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in the years immediately following WW I: in 1921 the ritual became official. This August marked the 87th year of Warriors' Day celebrations at the CNE.

It was not surprising that other Canadians who wanted to honour their soldiers embraced the idea conceived at the CNE. Given the geographic vastness of this country, it was just a matter of time until Warriors Day celebrations spread to areas beyond Toronto. For over 30 thirty years, the Kinmount Fair has included its own Warriors' Day Parade as Saturday's main event. This year's theme, "Honouring the Legions" also gave fair visitors an opportunity to show support to those presently involved in conflicts overseas. "Support Our Troops" banners and apparel were a common sight.

Len Donner is 80 years old and now lives in Beaverton, but has been attending the fair since 1957. A keen sense of humour was evident as this dapper old warrior chatted while hiking to the camping section at the conclusion of the parade. A casual mention of a recent triple bypass was offered as an apology for the slow pace. The inevitable stories of the "old days" at Kinmount Fair were communicated in a manner that encouraged listeners to visualize the antics. A smidgen of guilt still lingered when Len recounted stealing straw from the livestock pens to keep warm while sleeping under the pine trees on a long-past visit. Donner especially likes the "old fashioned" feel of the Kinmount Fair and expects to return in 2009. He has not missed the fair in 51 years, and this year he was representing the United Canada Colour Party of which he was a founder. As a WW II merchant mariner at age 15, he learned the personal cost of war. When asked about the parade, Mr. Donner responded by saying that he feels it plays an important role in letting people know that others have sacrificed their lives to allow us the freedom that we enjoy today, and yes, August is a much nicer month for marching than is November. No argument there, Len.■

Warrior Len Donner

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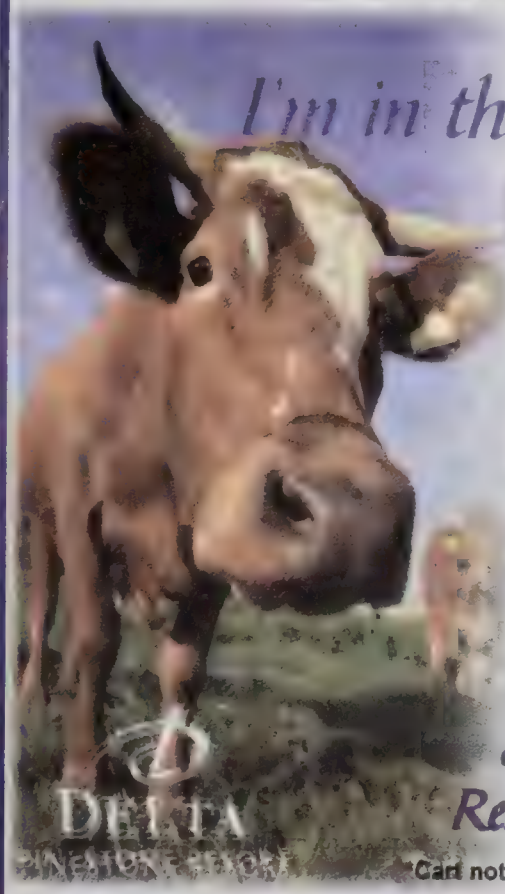

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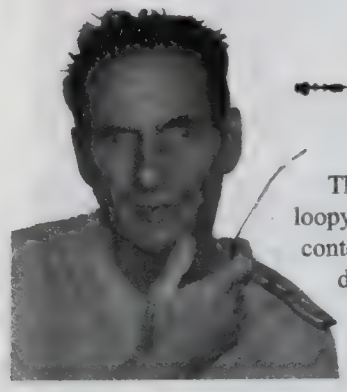

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Sports Editor

The LPGA, women's golf governing body, in issuing a largely loopy and fundamentally flawed proclamation regarding a very contentious language policy, is being popped, pilloried and pile-driven mercilessly by a large group of mainly Anglo-centric pundit warriors, who are teetering precipitously on the verge of a full blown feeding frenzy.

There is blood in the water and erstwhile sports writing sharks are whipping willy-nilly around their small gene pool, churning white froth at an alarming rate.

The LPGA, in a recently leaked document, says that it plans to pursue a course to anglicize its membership. Beginning in 2009, LPGA golfers will be required to speak English, and those who have been members for two years will face suspension if they can't pass an oral evaluation.

This is not an unprecedented policy. In fact, if we do a little homework, we will find, right here in Canada, the genteel trappings of such exclusionary and proprietary legislation.

A private golf course in B.C.'s Lower Mainland has been denying membership to non-English-speaking players for years. Only in Canada you say? How absolutely refreshing.

The Vancouver Golf Club, an exclusionist enclave, apparently populated by pastel-painted, card carrying pukka racists, and knuckle-dragging Luddites, opened nearly 100 years ago in Coquitlam, BC. It is apparently quite proud of the fact that it rejects potential members who don't speak English. Really? How very debonair and borderline goosestep of the Vancouver Golf Club. Brown shirt suggested but not required for dinner reservations.

The club's general manager, Brent Gough (who said in a recent press release: "Dummkopfs! I vas' zimply follwinz' ze orders!"), says the entrenched English-only policy is designed to ensure all members are able to communicate and understand the club's rules. Gough told CBC that the policy was introduced a few years ago after prospective members - in particular East Asian immigrants - started applying with the help of translators. "We ask them to go away and take language courses and reapply," he said. We all know how annoying it can be, playing golf with someone who can't keep up with our humor quotient in between tee shots. "Hey Mr. Ming … did you hear the one about the Irishman, the Jew and the Scotsman who walked into the bar? And the Mick turns to the Jew and says …" Oops, I digress.

Absolutely charming of the Vancouver Golf and Country. "Go away … don't come back till you speak the language." Pinch me here. Did I just take a ride in Doc Brown's DeLorean and end up in 1929? Here's what we think about that beautiful slice of Canadiana.

Hey Mr. Gough. Parlez vous francais? Non? Ahh … Bon! Maintenant, ecoute moi … s'il vous plait. Mangez les merde Monsieur Gough. Vous etes un tres grande idiot! But I digress again … en francais, this time.

Pundits are calling the LPGA policy xenophobic, but that's an accusation that misses the mark, via understatement.

My Funk and Wagnalls defines xenophobia as an unreasonable fear, distrust, or hatred of strangers, foreigners, or anything perceived as foreign or different. This outrageous and outlandish proclamation goes well beyond those rather loosely defined parameters. The LPGA, on the contrary, seems utterly fearless on this point.

No, this is not xenophobia, but good old-fashioned jingoism mixed with a muddled, muddy and myopic noggin bob to an entrenched junta mindset. Mr. Funk defines jingoism as extreme nationalism characterized especially by a belligerent foreign policy and chauvinistic patriotism. Call it what you will. Belligerence, intolerance, carping chauvinism, xenophobia, jingoism, junta-ism or hunker in a bunker, this LPGA language directive is just plain disturbing on many levels.

"We have been puzzled, if not surprised, by some of the reactions," said deputy commissioner Libba Galloway, who previously was the LPGA's top attorney. "We see this as a pro-international move."

Only a lawyer could put those two statements together and hope for a home run.

Galloway also remains staunchly adamant in her goofball assertions that no group from within the 120 international players on tour was singled out. But that's a crock, considering the 45 South Korean golfers on the tour were forced to attend a meeting to discuss the policy at a recent LPGA event. Asian players have won 7 of the 24 LPGA Tour events this year. The LPGA said it has tried to assist Asian players, particularly South Koreans, and other international players to get with the program and "speeka de English."

"You have to interact effectively with your pro-am partners. You need to be able to do media interviews. And you need to give a winner's acceptance speech in English," says our lovely, liltingly mellifluous lawyer. "They must speak at a level that effectively accomplishes those three things." Pocahontas maybe said it best when she opined: "Mealy, mincing mouthpiece speak with forked tongue."

Many male golfers have stepped to the plate on behalf of the Korean players, who are surely taking a rather large hit in this horrendous breach of golfing etiquette.

"Ah, weeel, faith and begorrah, Do ye' haf' ta' pass a wee exam?" said Padraig Harrington, an Irishman who has won three of the last six PGA major championships. "Sure an' befears if ye can profer a wee 'hello,' that's surely English is it nat? Aye, and is that wee lovely bit good enough? Sure'n begorrah and Saint Paddy's boron drom … how ken ye draw about how many wards ye've got to ken in English? My wee trifle, an' farthings sure'n by the bay, an' Galway slippers, but for some low bit o' blarney an' aye somtin's mighty strange over to the LPGA an' that's not a tweakin' wee slip up some wee backside. Aye, an' blessed I be, that I speak so well the bloody King's anglish. Aye and now ken' ya pass me a bloody Guiness. My lips are bloody parched, so they are! Let's have a wee drink to the LPGA. Raise a wee glass wit' me boyos. To the LPGA. Git bloody stuffed ya' wee racists! Oh, and Up the Republic!"

Lucky thing the Irish are such lovely purveyors of the English language. I have no idea what Padraig just said, but by god, he said it beautifully. But I digress, again. This time in Gaelic … I think.

And now to a sad tale. A story of a young 16-year-old Canadian golfing prodigy, Maive MacPherson, who hails from Bumble Bee Bight, Newfoundland. Maive is 6'1 and 145 pounds and she outhits Michelle Wie. Last week she knocked down a 61 at Glen Abbey playing from the Blues. She hits the ball a ton, and has an exemption to the 2009 LPGA tour as a result of a stellar Junior record. She turned down a full ride scholarship to Florida State.

Nice story right? I met the young phenom at a charity event held last weekend at Taboo Resort.

"Maive, you hit the ball superbly, how do you think you'll do on the major tour next season?" I asked.

"Will, lit me tell youse a ting ar' two my son, my bye' my banny boo, youse gat ta' onerstan dat dis' garl bye, and dat's I'se bye, weel, I'se de' garl dat' hits da ball and I'se dat garl what sails her, and I'se dat gurl who catches dat green, an' putts one 'ome fer' Liser … no complitications bye' I'se be knacking dat' ball one ton, two ton, tree ton, oh bye, nuff said on dat bye, oh fer sure my son, my son, aye an' bonny bluenose bye!"

You see the downside here? I brought the tape of that conversation to a speech therapist friend of mine.

"Any hope doc? She needs English proficiency by the end of next season." I asked.

"Not a prayer in Hades … worst case of Newfounditis I have ever heard, Two years of intensive therapy, at least," came the reply.

Help me on this one dear readers. Send an email to the LPGA asking them to suspend this heinous language policy. Don't do it for the Koreans.

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The Hare Scramble, An Exciting Dusty Affair

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tree-lined scramble in the flatbush section of the challenging Wilberforce track.

Known as the Hare Scramble, this hairy event was sponsored by the Halton Off Road Riders Association (HORRA). John Vandenhoek was a co-chair of the event and he said that all of the riders thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

"The weather was perfect and I know for a fact that all of our riders really love this track, because it's got a little bit of everything," said Vandenhoek.

In the event, the off-road motorcycle competitors raced their way through a woods course and moto-cross-style track in a test of their endurance and skill. Some of Canada's top Hare Scramble racers, including transplanted Aussie, Jake Stapleton and Simcoe's Chris Van Hove were in attendance last Sunday for the pro rider event that brapped bluntly but bravely into action at 1:30 pm.

Spectators were admitted gratis and they got to watch a full day of racing. Youth racing started at 9am, with a one-hour endurance run. The Novice, Vet and Ladies events tore off at 10:30am and lasted for two hours and the pros intermediate and expert section riders were out on the hot dusty course for the two and a half hour signature event.

"This is a great venue for an event and all of the riders had a great time," said Vandenhoek.

Haliburton Highlands Trail Riders organizer Ken Hoeverman was pulling duty at the lap gates last Sunday and he concurred with his counterpart Vandenhoek on all counts.

"This is a great setup and I know that everyone just had a blast," said Hoeverman.

Stapleton ended up winning the event, with Van Hove placing second.

Van Hove came out of the hole-shot, engine-off, Le Man- type scramble start, neck and neck with Stapleton, but somewhere in the opening rip, Van Hove lost his seat. That put him behind the eight ball and into the pits after completion of a very uncomfortable first lap, where he basically had to sit on the bare frame of his bike. Not a great scenario if you had an opportunity to walk and photograph the steep cliffside portion of the track.

He was two minutes behind Stapleton after the first lap, but he did rip it up for the remaining two plus hours in an attempt to close the gap on his Aussie rival. The riders go for the entire 2.5 hours in the Hare Event and the rider who completes the most laps wins.

Hoeverman said that a two-minute deficit in the first lap, especially among elite riders like Stapleton and Van Hove is an almost impossible margin to recapture.

Hoeverman said that the event probably drew about 250 to 300 people to the Wilberforce area for the first part of the Labor Day weekend and he explained that for all Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) events, riders and support staff are urged to make use of local shopping and accommodation resources.

"We try to encourage our riders to support the local businesses when they come to a race," said Hoeverman. He adds that the Highlands will play host to another very big event this month as the Corduroy Enduro in Gooderham will be hosting its 55th annual Enduro Event on September 20 and 21.

It's billed as Canada's Premier 2 Day National Enduro, and draws amateur and professional enduro motorcycle riders from all over North America. "Gooderham Ontario, on the edge of the Canadian Shield is smack dab in the middle of some of the best off-road riding this side of the Rockies," says the website promo.

Hoeverman says that the Haliburton Trail Riders will also sponsor a rider friendly event open to all ages and skill levels. A One Day Thaxter-designed ride, with Two Days of activity, this non-competitive trail ride is in conjunction with, but separate from, the Corduroy Enduro, explains Hoeverman. He added that it will take place on an entirely separate course and riders will experience approximately 130-kilometers of the best of the Haliburton Highlands trails and colors.■

Hoeverman adds that the 55th Annual Corduroy Enduro will probably draw in excess of 400 riders, support staff and fans.

He says that it will provide a huge bump for local businesses in a traditionally slow tourism period. He adds that spectator buses will also be available free of charge to take spectators to best venues for pictures and race viewing.

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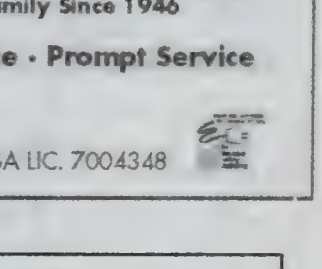

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Minden River Kings Prepare for Weekend Exhibition Tilt

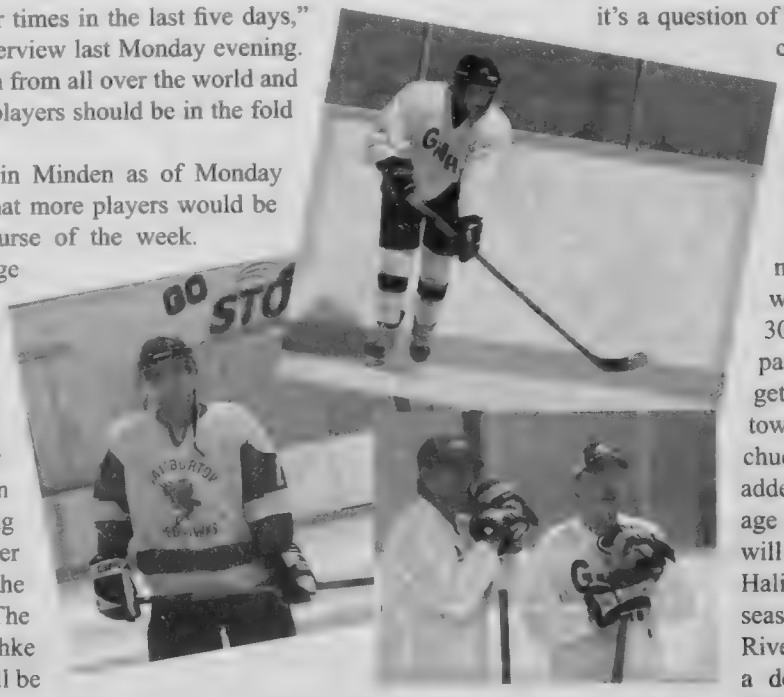
Players Arriving Throughout the Week

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Minden River Kings coach and GM Mike Jeschke spent the past week on the road operating an ersatz one-man airport shuttle service for arriving players.

"It's been a very hectic week for us here and I think I've been to the airport four times in the last five days," said Jeschke, in a phone interview last Monday evening. Players have been coming in from all over the world and Jeschke said that all of the players should be in the fold by late Friday afternoon.

There were 13 players in Minden as of Monday evening and Jeschke said that more players would be arriving throughout the course of the week.



The team will be on a huge learning curve with only 10 days remaining before the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) season opens on the weekend of September 13-14. It's the third season of operations for the fledgling maverick league and the River Kings are a new addition to the league's northern division. The rookie coach and GM, Jeschke is confident that his team will be ready.

"Three more players are coming Tuesday, three on Wednesday, one on Thursday and the last one should be in by Friday," said Jeschke. That will place 21 players in camp by Saturday and Jeschke says that the team will be working on that number for now, with a possibility of several last minute additions as the season gets underway on the weekend of September 13.

Jeschke initially wanted 26 players in place by the season opener, but right now it looks like they'll be starting the season with 21, and Jeschke says that it's a number they can work with. "That's what we have right now, but we'll be looking at additions if they're available," said Jeschke. For now it's a question of pure logistics as he continues to arrange for transportation to get his new players from Toronto airport to rink.

He adds that his new car is getting a workout. "I put on 3000 kilometers in the past four or five days getting players into town from the airport," chuckled Jeschke. He added that most of the age 18 and over players will be staying at the Halimar Resort for the season. He said the River King family owes a debt of gratitude to Halimar Resort owners Jan and Suzanne Haedicke along with their two children, Jacob and Lucas for welcoming the team and providing the new players with a central billet and warm hospitality for the duration of the season.

Jeschke said that the younger players will be billeted in town with families. The Halimar situation is ideal, said Jeschke, because it's only a 15-minute ride from the resort to the arena. He added that having the players in one central location would contribute to bonding and would also make it convenient for game day preparation and for team meetings or sessions.

"I can't say enough about Jan and Suzanne and Halimar … this is just a great situation," added Jeschke. The incoming player roster reads like a roll call from the United Nations. In addition to the three local Ontario players, there are three players from Nova Scotia, one from Quebec, one from Austria, one from Slovakia, one from Germany, and a phalanx of U.S. players hailing from Florida, California, Minnesota and Texas.

Jeschke and assistant coach Brooks Robinson have been busy over the past week at the rink as well, working with arriving players at practice sessions at the SG Nesbitt Arena every afternoon between 4:30 and 6 pm.

The team has an exhibition game scheduled against GMHL south division rival Innisfil Lakers this coming Sunday September 7.

Game time is 6 pm at the SG Nesbitt Arena and Jeschke hopes to have all 21 players suited up and ready to play for that exhibition tilt. It will also give game time staff and arena personnel a dry run to assess game night readiness, in preparation for their home opener against the Brock Bucks on September 14th. That game is also slated for a 6pm start. The Minden River Kings actually open their inaugural GMHL campaign on the road, Saturday Sept. 13th, against the South Muskoka Shield in Gravenhurst.

Of course, Jeschke said that he has a few other things on his plate as the team girds for their first GMHL campaign. Jeschke will be getting married on Saturday and that's something that doesn't really dovetail too nicely with airport dashes, weekday practices and a Sunday exhibition.

Jeschke can only laugh right now and thank Melissa, his wife-to-be for her undying tolerance.

"Well, she's been very patient all week, because our home has been acting as the transition house, especially when we arrive with three players at 2 am and the new players have to sleep in the living room for the night," chuckles Jeschke.

Of course the wedding will start to top the priority list come Friday. Until then it will be business as usual at the rink, practice, scrimmage and skate.

"We're looking forward to that first game," said Jeschke. ■

Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision

10 Year Old Fatally Injured On Weekend

On August 31, 2008 at approximately 12:45 PM, a 10-year-old boy was operating a small dirt bike on a cottage road in the Crystal Lake area of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey Township. The boy failed to negotiate a turn in the road and entered a lane that had a steep grade. The dirt bike subsequently lost control while descending the grade and struck the side of a car that had been reversing.

Emergency services personnel attended this location and the boy was airlifted to the Minden hospital - where he was subsequently pronounced dead. No other people sustained injuries. The boy was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision and was being supervised by adults.

OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators (TTCI) attended the scene and are assisting the Peterborough County OPP with this investigation.

The deceased has been identified as Alexander NOVIA (10 yrs, of Ajax). The collision investigation is continuing. ■

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Province Invests an Additional 1.5 Million Dollars in Haliburton County

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Making good on promises made earlier in the year, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced last week that the Province will be investing an additional $1.1 billion dollars in municipal infrastructure across Ontario. Of this, Haliburton County will receive over $1.5 million dollars to continue with improvements to roads, bridges and other municipal projects. Unfortunately, the news was quickly followed by warnings that there may not be any more injections of cash where that came from.

> "The municipalities are having some major problems and the government is realizing that we're all badly in need of money to upgrade aging infrastructure."

Warden Eleanor Harrison said that the announcement was made at the Association of Ontario Municipalities annual general meeting in Ottawa last week. According to Harrison, the money is similar to what was received in the spring and has been earmarked as infrastructure funding for each municipality on a per capita basis.

Harrison told the Voice that of the $1.536 million dollars allocated to Haliburton County, the County itself will receive $608,164; Minden Hills' portion will be $319, 381; Dysart will receive $317,657; Highlands East will receive $177,568 and Algonquin Highlands will get $113,588.

"We haven't received any detailed criteria as yet, but my thinking at the moment is that it will be for further roads and bridge improvements and possibly expansion of broadband service."

The additional funding comes as a result of the government passing the *Investing in Ontario Act 2008,* which requires that any surplus over and above $600 million during the 2007-2008 fiscal year flow through to the municipalities for infrastructure projects. The announcement was triggered by the release of the 2007-08 Public Accounts.

Harrison said, "The government did promise earlier in the year that if there was a surplus they would try to give municipalities more money for infrastructure. The municipalities are having some major problems and the government is realizing that we're all badly in need of money to upgrade aging infrastructure."

Speaking for Algonquin Highlands, Harrison said their portion of the funds and what their priorities are will be discussed with Council at their next meeting. Both Reeves Jim McMahon and Dave Burton voiced their pleasure in receiving the additional much needed funding. All of the Reeves said that how the money is to be spent will depend on the specific criteria set by the province, on recommendations by staff and on discussions held at upcoming Council meetings.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "This is fantastic news. I'm looking at it as an intermediary step before the results of the provincial/ municipal fiscal review come out later this year. It should show how the downloaded responsibilities are being handled." Fearrey said, "When the province allocates per capita funding for rural municipalities, it doesn't take our seasonal population into account, and in particular how they impact our infrastructure." Fearrey said it was his hope that the review would take this into consideration.

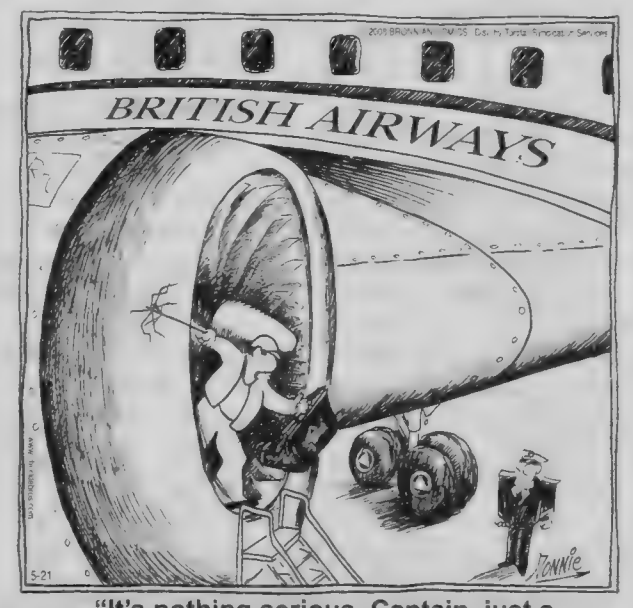
Harrison also referred to the fiscal review that is underway, saying that no other promises have been made. She said that both Premier McGuinty and the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Jim Watson both indicated that answers will be provided by the end of the year or sooner. "We've been told however, that we will not get everything that has been asked for.

The government will look at what the province will be paying for and what municipalities should pay for." As an example, Harrison said that social services should not come out of property taxes. "In a perfect world property taxes should only cover what municipalities have control over," said Harrison. "But how it will play out in any shape or form is yet to be seen."

County CAO Jim Wilson said, "This announcement recognizes the infrastructure deficit being faced by all municipalities in Ontario and follows through from the commitment made by the Ontario Government earlier this year. While the one time funding will be put to good use addressing our infrastructure needs, the County continues to hope for long term sustainable funding from the Province to the municipal sector." Wilson also said that a report including various options for capital expenditures will be presented to County Council at their September 24th meeting.

In line with Wilson's concerns about long term sustainable funding, reports from the Canadian Press indicate that despite a standing ovation from convention delegates when the announcement was made, the room fell silent when McGuinty went on to caution that his government would not be as generous in the future given the recent downturn in the provincial economy.

"The big boost to infrastructure announced today reflects last year's strong economic performance," McGuinty told conference attendees. This was followed by his cautioning that, "The economic challenges we're facing this year mean I can safely predict I won't make this kind of announcement 12 months from now." McGuinty also warned that his government would not be able to move as quickly as they thought they could in taking on other fiscal obligations.■



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Federal Liberals Visit Haliburton to Drum up Arts Support

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Mme. Janine Krieber, the spouse of Liberal Opposition Leader Stephane Dion, visited Haliburton County last weekend in a campaign-style visit that highlighted her party's commitment to the arts and public arts institutions. Accompanied by Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock Liberal candidate Marlene White, Mme. Krieber was given a tour of Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton campus before she sat down to speak with local media and a few interested citizens.

The sparse attendance, due perhaps to one of the few 'perfect weather' weekends the Highlands have enjoyed since April, didn't deter Mme. Krieber from presenting her views on government and the arts with clarity and passion. "What we understand, what Stephane understands, is that government support is essential if we are to have a vibrant artistic community – and further, we believe that the arts are a foundation of our society – so in that sense art is political.

Spouse of Leader Stephane Dion a Passionate Supporter of the Arts

"Stephen Harper's government has a strategy that is insidious and dangerous – to cut the little arts programs, one by one, particularly during months like July and August when so many are on holiday, and in particular to deny funds to artists and organizations that he suspects are against his government. The decisions are based on ideology: this is terribly dangerous for our society."

Krieber began her academic career in an arts college, and has very fond memories of those days, but admits she didn't see how she could ever earn a living as an artist, and opted to become a professor of political science specializing in international terrorism. And as a leading Quebec intellectual, she's profoundly aware of how greatly the arts are valued in her society, where significant government arts support is simply a given. When asked how firm the Liberals' commitment is to small arts organizations like Haliburton's Rails End Gallery, and the Minden Cultural Centre, for example, she answered unequivocally that the support would be there. "Stephane and the party believe in partnerships, sustainable partnerships, and he will stand by his word. He is a man of principle, and he doesn't back down." Mme. Krieber reminded the group that Stephane Dion was the Liberal government's point man and chief architect of the Clarity Act of the late 1990s, which was fiercely opposed by Quebec sovereigntists. In fact Dion and his family were under constant RCMP protection during that period.

Krieber understands a great deal about the state and its powers, and freely admits that most artists have no time for governments, of whatever political stripe. "Everybody knows that artists are deeply suspicious of all governments – and they have reason to be. We must understand also that art is not the property of the state, but the state must be there for society's artists. And we cannot tell artists what they should do, or not do."

Marlene White, a former elementary school principal, pointed out how the arts programs in the schools had been savaged in the 1990s, and how essential the arts were to a child's development. Ms. White was clearly delighted that Mme. Krieber has chosen to spend a serious amount of time over the Labour Day weekend in her riding, and particularly at a time when a federal election appears imminent. And both Krieber and White appeared to be ready and waiting for the writ to be dropped. When asked whether or not she found her new life as the spouse of a leading politician difficult, given how nasty and personal the game can get, Mme. Krieber simply smiled and said unequivocally that she truly welcomed the opportunity to contribute ideas and solutions in a national setting. "I don't think politics is nasty – I think it's about ideas. And we've got the right ideas." ■

Crash on County Road 21, Woman Hospitalized

A serious two-car collision occurred on County Road 21 just outside of Haliburton late afternoon on Tuesday, September 2nd. A Honda Element and a Dodge Neon crashed about a kilometre west of the Independent Grocery Store. The Honda Element, driven by Blaine Brown, 32, of Norland was proceeding westbound when the Dodge, driven by Ashley Hunter, 23, of Gooderham, and proceeding eastbound, attempted to make a turn into a private driveway and a collision occurred. Hunter was hospitalized with non life threatening injuries.

The Voice's reporter Mark Arike was immediately on the scene and witnessed the woman being taken away on a stretcher. One witness told him, "You could hear the squealing of tires and the thump of metal. I was in my house so I came down to see if everyone was alright."

Jamie Doan lives directly behind the crash site, and said, "I came upon it as I was coming home from work. I've lived here about a year and haven't seen an accident in front of my place before … but one of my friends almost died in this same spot a few years ago in an accident."

An OPP investigation was ongoing at press time. ■

Kushog Lake Boat Crash Sends Four Men to Hospital, One Airlifted to Sunnybrook

At 11:30 PM Saturday, August 30th, the OPP and the Stanhope Fire Department were called to the scene of a boating accident on the west side of Kushog Lake just south of the narrows. A boat with a 95 HP Mercury Motor and carrying four men hit some rocks and logs: the four male occupants were all taken to Minden Hospital. The driver of the boat, Preston Bradbrooke, 41, of Mississauga, was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto with head injuries.

The OPP investigation was ongoing at press time.■

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Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life -- on both personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

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ACROSS
1 Hirt hit
5 Kudrow or Hartman
9 Lucas character
13 Gullible one
18 Rueful cry
19 Certain Semite
20 Imported cheese
21 Extragalactic object
22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN!
25 Author Le Guin
26 Prepare to propose
27 Valueless
28 Hum bug?
30 ABA member
31 Fix a fight
33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE!
39 More meager
44 "Graf —"
45 Navigation hazard
46 Film, for short
47 Castilian custard
49 Commoner
51 Arm bones
55 CARNEY IN NEW FILM!
59 Vaudeville staple
62 Disdain
63 Unduly
64 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
65 JFK Library architect
66 Beethoven symphony
69 Velvety plant
72 Pro-gun grp.
73 Little helper?
74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!
78 Ever's partner
81 Slugger's stat
82 Attempt
83 Sulky
86 Moon crawler
87 "— a Song Go . . ."
88 TV s "The — Patrol"
90 Prelim
92 Plumbing tool
95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR!
98 Ho hi
99 — Kong
101 Roof part
102 "Holy cow!"
103 "Casablanca" character
106 Crucifix
108 Agitated
111 HAGMAN PLANS NUPTIALS!
115 Piggy
116 Khan opener?
117 Castilian cry
118 Head set?
122 Croc's kin
126 Mideastern mall?
129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE!
134 In public
135 Row
136 General Bradley
137 Final
138 Alarm button
139 Raucous noise
140 — Hari
141 Actress Merrill

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1 Item in a trunk
2 Economist Greenspan
3 Ming thing
4 Behind a windjammer
5 Fall behind
6 OPEC member
7 "Elephant Boy" star
8 Cain's victim
9 "Of course!"
10 Harem room
11 Apply gently
12 Petite parasite
13 Mongrel
14 Owns
15 Nothing special
16 Mediterranean island
17 Brooklyn school
21 Suppress
23 Skirt feature
24 Skiers' mecca
29 Wee one
32 Present
34 Datebook abbr.
35 — Aviv
36 Charges
37 "The March King"
38 Fedora fabric
39 Mineral springs
40 She brought out the beast in men
41 Part owner?
42 Urban transport
43 Absorbed
48 Ruth's mother-in-law
50 Mont —
52 Puppy bites
53 Fighter pilots
54 "SNL" bit
56 Haunted-house sound
57 Oklahoma city
58 Alex Haley book
60 Pianist Chasins
61 Bandleader Perez
67 Bergonzi or Ponti
68 "Waves of grain" color
70 Fast flier
71 Bright
73 Between three
75 Bum a ride
76 Humble
77 Soprano's showcase
78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
79 Comic Carter
80 Melville novel
84 Play ground?
85 Great Lake natives
87 Po land
89 It'll give you a lift
91 Change for a five
93 Helicopter sound
94 Circle dance
95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky
96 First offender
97 Jay's house
100 Negative correlative
104 It may be tall
105 Internet acronym
107 Colors
109 Demetrius' duds
110 Inclined
111 Sweat and slave
112 Dumbstruck
113 Brings down the house
114 Thought-provoking
119 Particle
120 Maffia or Downey
121 Petty clash?
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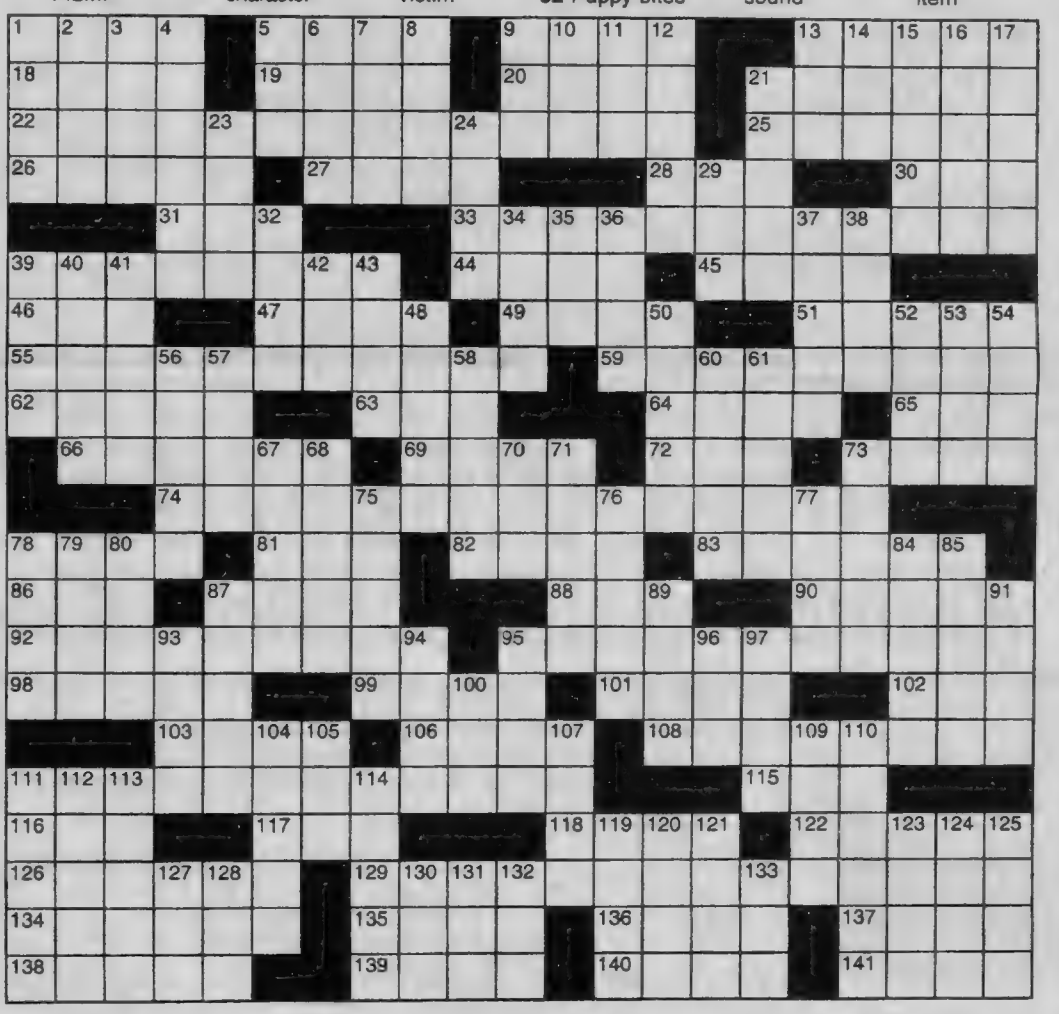

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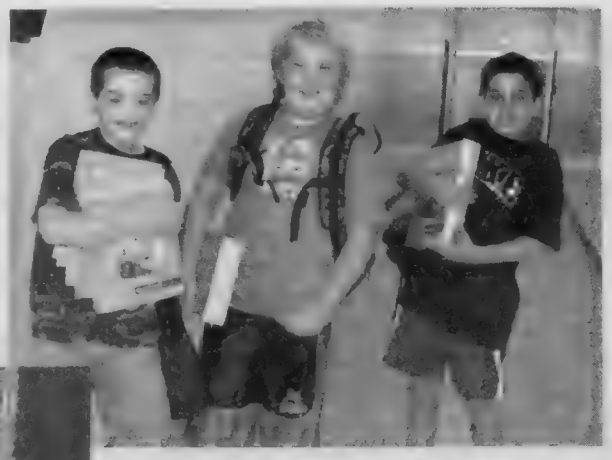

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Night at the Opera Offers Chuckles

Two Comedic Operas On Offer at Northern Lights

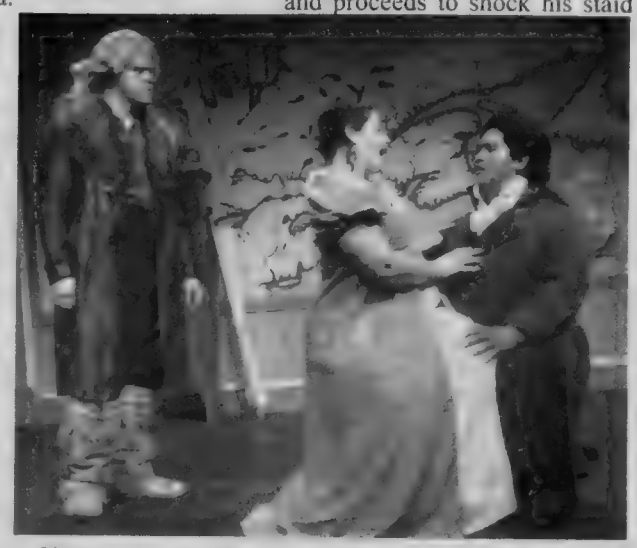
La Cambiale di Matrimonio (The Marriage Contract) Gioacchino Rossini
Signor Deluso by Thomas Pasatieri

By Terrance Gavan

Opera can be a little daunting for the uninitiated. Hard to get a handle on Handel, so to speak.

So, it's nice that the co-artistic directors of the Haliburton Opera Studio, Valerie Kuinka and her husband Richard Margison, chose a duet of one-act comedies to showcase their Three Fantastic Nights of Opera.

The three-night production kicked off last Monday (August 25) and continued on August 27th and 29th at Haliburton High's Northern Lights Pavilion.



Slook looks on as Fanny and Edward profess their undying love.

The central players in this extravaganza all delivered. They popped the top off a thoroughly enjoyable set of performances, proving in the nonce, that opera is now a vibrant and viable component of the Highlands burgeoning and eclectic arts scene.

The two plays revolve around the disturbing, and sometimes befuddling subject of marriage contracts. In the case of our two plays, the fathers become the fall guys, as daughters struggle to convince their respective patriarchs that they are old enough to cope with their own sundry life choices. Both plays are beautifully constructed, well paced, and pretty hilarious. And because they were staged in English, none of the humor was lost on the audience; An important ingredient and one that was well received by the appreciative viewers.

The large crowd in attendance at Monday night's performance bears testimony to the growing popularity and efficacy of the operatic genre here in the Highlands. The audience well and truly enjoyed the evening, offering standing ovations at the end of each of the one-act operas. The players were professional, the operatic compositions and the singing utterly delightful. These were strong, professional and uninhibited performances delivered by a very talented group of players.

This is the second season for the Highlands Opera Studio, founded by Margison and Kuinka. The studio offers highly advanced opera training for young professional or pre-professional singers and operated this summer from August 5 to 29. Three Fantastic Nights is the culmination of the three-week intensive course and it gives the singers/actors an excellent opportunity to participate in two live and entertaining stage productions.

The first play, La Cambiale di Matrimonio (The Marriage Contract) written by Gioacchino Rossini, is a tale of young love, challenged by an overbearing, and apparently under-funded, father. Set in 19th century London, England, a local merchant Tobias Mill receives a request for a "mail order bride" from a rather unorthodox Canadian businessman, Mr. Slook. Mill promptly announces the deal to his servants Norton and Clarina, and explains that he will be accepting the offer on behalf of his daughter, Fanny. What dad doesn't yet know is that Fanny is in love with the penniless Edward Milfort. Milfort vows to fight for Fanny and that's when the ructions begin.

The play takes flight with the arrival of Slook, played admirably by Bass-Baritone Jon-Paul DeCosse. He arrives in moccasins, pulls a bottle of whiskey from his trunk and proceeds to shock his staid hosts, who are obviously unaccustomed to such ribald and outlandish behavior. And of course DeCosse, the crazy Canuck, is a man to which the audience can relate. On a multiplicity of levels. The Canadian bushman suddenly set loose in London.

Clara gazes at a locket while husband Deluso looks on.

And DeCosse proves that he knows how to take a premise and run. His singing is interspersed with multiple, nods, winks and gestures that can only be described as the pure joy of man in his element. (The accidental near loss of his disheveled wig is used and parlayed to great advantage for the rest of the performance, the sign of an actor at home on the stage. Two thumbs and a Brava for DeCosse and his misplaced rug.)

The fact that Fanny is not exactly enamored of Slook's advances is lost at first upon the lovelorn, naive Slook. He has an agenda, and not till he finds out about Fanny and Edward's relationship does he begin to relent and cool his heels. Fanny is played marvelously by coloratura soprano Lindsay Barrett, exhibiting a voice immense with dulcet tone, resonance, range and timbre.

Tenor Willis Bote plays Edward. He parlays nicely against his rugged rival Slook. Edward and Slook find common ground and reconcile, which does not sit well with Tobias, played by Macedonian baritone Vasil Garvanliev. Tobias is upset, and throws down the gauntlet. A duel for honor is scheduled, between Slook and Tobias. Neither, of course, is all that interested in dueling to the death. This is a comedy after all.

All of this hilarity is offset by the long-suffering servants, maid Clarina, played by mezzo soprano, Wallis Giunta and the butler Norton played by baritone Joseph Song Chi. Chi is wonderful in his role, playing a sardonic yin to his boss's yang. He also develops a rather large affinity for Canadian whiskey in the course of the one act extravaganza.

Very funny stuff and a great prelude to the next play on the program entitled, Signor Deluso, by Thomas Pasatieri.

Deluso is a classic gambit; a comedy of errors spurred by a rotating round of mistaken identities and cluttered assumptions. Our heroine Celie is in love with Leon, but her father demands that she marries the wealthy Valere. Leon has been away for a year, and as she details her inner angst to her maid Rosine, she faints dead away in the village square. Signor Deluso, seeing her on the ground immediately rushes to her aid. Deluso's wife, Clara is hanging her wash and spots her husband holding Celie and assumes that he has been unfaithful. She rushes downstairs, but Deluso and Celie have already departed. She finds Celie's locket with a picture of Leon and as she glances at the picture Deluso returns and catches his wife with the locket. He assumes that Clara has a suitor. Accusations fly and in the course of the argument Deluso gains the Celie's locket. Now comes Leon, home from hiatus, spots Deluso with the locket he gave to Celie. Leon has heard of the arranged marriage and assumes that Deluso is Celie's new husband. Voila, a premise with an incomprehensible laundry list of twists and not so subtle turns.

And if all of this sounds like a long lost episode of I Love Lucy (Lucieeee, you got some 'splainin' to doooo!) you can be sure that most sitcom writers have a pretty solid grounding in the operatic genre.

Baritone Song Chi does double duty, appearing in this play as the Town Magistrate called in to arbitrate the civil action, cum divorce proceedings, leveled by Deluso. Garvanliev (Tobias Mill in the first opera) is Deluso and he is once again on top form, singing and playing the role of the coddled cuckold with a delightful over-the-top bravado.

Adam Bishop, a tenor who hails from Lakefield College, comes to the troupe via Queen's University, and he plays the utterly confused and love struck Leon. He and Celie, played by soprano Taylor Strande, have some very nice scenes together, their voices blending mellifluously into the overarching theme of not-quite-yet requited love.

Clara, played by the coloratura Barrett, is hilarious as the thoroughly confused housewife, who is at sea with her husband's betrayal.

Meanwhile, all this has to be sorted, and it falls to the accommodating maid Rosine to finally put an end to the confusion. Rosine, played admirably by mezzo-soprano Julia Morgan, becomes the straw that unstirs this drink, finally shouting at the combatants to "stop!" as she jumps atop the fountain wall.

Morgan is superb, unraveling the many tendrils of this twisty tale in a blink, the mezzo strains reverberating to the rafters of the Pavilion. Deluso and Clara reconcile. Leon and Celie profess their undying love and Rosine should probably ask for a raise.

Would real life were so easily dismantled and rebuilt. Again a thoroughly enjoyable ride accompanied by some very solid performances.

Valerie Kuinka directed both performances. Pianist Steven Philcox was the accompanist in La Cambiale and Brahm Goldhamer was the accompanist in Deluso.

Kudos also to set designer David Adolphus and Stage Manager Jennifer Parr. ■

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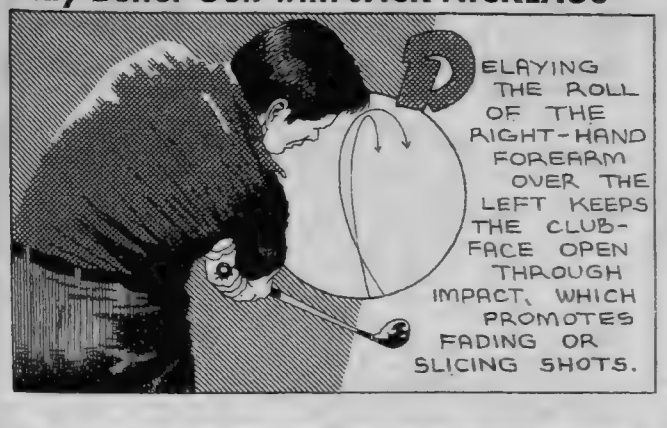

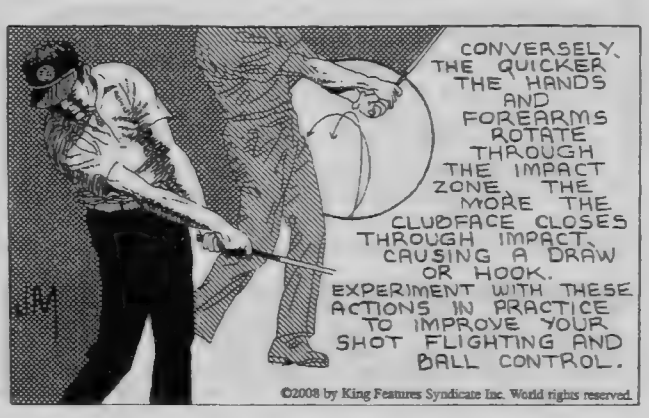

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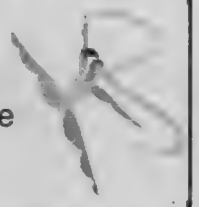

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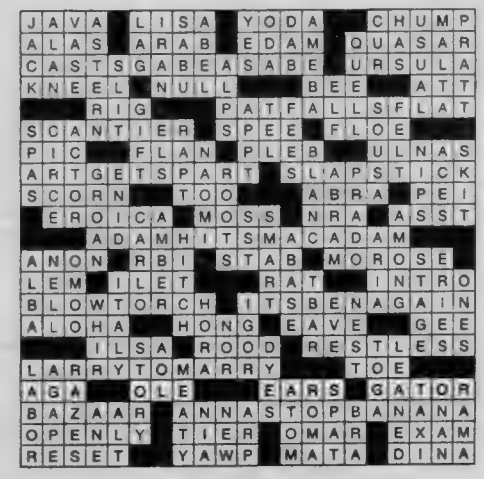

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I would like to thank the people for attending the 6th Annual Memorial Horseshoe Tournament for Glen Scheffee. A very special thanks to the ladies who made the food; and a special thanks to Paul, Jerry, Wayne, Dave, Pete, Steve & Sky. As well as Gene & Shawn for organizing the tournament. Without you it would not have been possible.

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SIRCH Issues a Challenge

Can Local Chefs Create Balanced Meals for a Family of Four for Only $6.50 a Day?

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Having a healthy, balanced diet is crucial for ensuring that a child reaches his or her maximum growth potential, physically, mentally and socially. For some families, providing some of the basic necessities can be a struggle.

That's why SIRCH Community Services and Consulting is introducing the "Chef-of-the-Month" program as part of their Healthy Children CAPC/CPNP program. According to SIRCH, many parents with young children have incomes of less than $18,000 a year. That means they often have less than $200 per month to feed a family of four after paying expenses like rent, hydro and heat.

The statistics indicate that a large number of families are in this situation. According to a study in 2000 by Statistics Canada, 26 per cent of families with children from birth to six years old in Haliburton County live in poverty. Also, a family of four in Haliburton County is living in poverty if they earn $26,015 or less per year, according to Building Better Outcomes for Children in Haliburton County.

Children who are malnourished could be at risk because inadequate nutrition affects brain development and learning.

So SIRCH is issuing a challenge, and that challenge is directed towards local area chefs. The question they are asking is, "Can nutritious meals and snacks be made for a family of four based on $6.50 per day?" The expertise of local chefs is desperately needed to help answer this question!

The goal is to be able to develop a meal plan for family of four within a budget of $200 per month. Each meal or snack must be healthy and nutritionally complete. All food will be prepared at Bob and Wendy Park's Foodland in Haliburton during a 90-minute time frame. This process includes; the purchasing of the food, a demonstration, an explanation of what the food is, its nutritional value, why it was chosen and whether or not you stayed within your $6.50 budget. Families will also get to taste-test your recipe and a question period will be provided to families regarding the meal.

You'll also have to provide an accounting of cost per recipe and each meal plan and recipe will be published in the paper and by SIRCH. Once a year, SIRCH combines all the menus and recipes into a cookbook called "Healthy Children Cookbook: Featuring the Chefs of Haliburton County."

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, one chef will present his or her recipes and meal plan to the public and media at Foodland in Haliburton. The County Voice will do a feature the following week on the Chef-of-the-Month and the Healthy Children Program. SIRCH will then make the recipes available to low-income families in Haliburton County.

For more information on this new and exciting challenge or to find out how you can get involved, contact SIRCH at 705 457-1742. ■

Sue Shikaze and Kate Hall Go to Seattle

Local Residents and Cycling Advocates Join Hundreds for International Conference

Sue Shikaze and Kate Hall, two local residents and representatives of Communities in Action (CIA) Committee and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (HHCC), are currently in Seattle, Washington and will remain there until tomorrow for the 15th Pro Walk/Pro Bike International Conference on Walking and Biking.

Since Tuesday, both joined hundreds of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, elected and appointed officials, bike specialists and many others who are intent on making their cities and communities more walkable and bicycle-friendly places.

Shikaze and Hall went down to the conference to give a presentation focusing on 'Creating Active Rural Communities' which highlighted how the CIA and the HHCC are working with community partners to create an environment in Haliburton County that encourages physical activity and active living.

"We've done presentations to other groups on active transportation in rural settings," said Shikaze in an interview with *The Voice*. The two attended the conference two years ago when it was held in Madison, Wisconsin.

"We want more people to see the benefits of walking and cycling," says Shikaze. These include economic, tourism and environmental benefits, she says.

Some of the local projects that have been done to date to promote healthy lifestyles include trail initiatives, active transportation planning, the World Record Walk and the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival held in Haliburton.

Shikaze, who is also a Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), explains how they were invited to the Seattle conference.

"Haliburton County stands out because there are few rural examples of how this is being done and that is why conference organizers asked us to present."

"It's exciting that we can showcase the projects in Haliburton County, but we will also be taking plenty of ideas to make this area even more of a rural model for active communities," said Hall in a recent media release.

Pro Walk/Pro Bike International Conference features several workshops and presentations that focus on the role of bicycling and walking in the 21st century. For more information on the conference visit www.bikewalk.org/2008conference/index.html. ■

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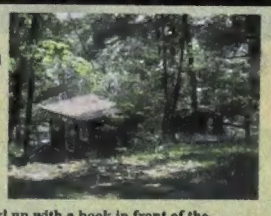

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An Announcement for Carnarvon

Canada Post Outlet Moved to Trails & Tour Network

A new post office found its way to the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network (HHTN) office in Carnarvon on Tuesday.

That's right. A full service, Canada Post outlet officially has arrived at 15500 Hwy 35 in Carnarvon next to True Value Castle Lumber. Postal services were previously provided by The Hub-Esso also in Carnarvon.

"We decided we wanted it here because otherwise people in Carnarvon would have to go to Haliburton or Minden for their postal services," said Tegan Moratz of the HHTN.

Services and products available will include: Express Post, money orders, stamps, passport information, seasonal postal box rentals and more.

"Canada post workers came to Carnarvon in April or May and approached various businesses in the area to ask them if they were interested in having the post office," explained Moratz. The HHTN jumped at the chance.

With this addition to their office, the group is looking for help from volunteers to help them with daily activities such as sorting mail, answering phones, greeting those who come into the post office and other odd jobs around the building.

"We need the extra support," says Moratz.

To reach the HTTN about this opportunity should call Tegan at 705 489-4049 or email her tmoratz@trailsandtours.com.■

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Kennisis Lake - $349,500

Lge, very private lot on Kennisis Lk with S exp. Wide open big lake view. Cottage is well off the road for quiet and really private. 3 season cottage. Nice pine living area, 3 bdrms, new septic, and roof. a 10 x16 garage style building. Deck and dock at the natural shore line. Sandy area and deep water.

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Grace Lake - $319,500

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Paudash Lake - $329,900

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Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext 22

Mountain Lake - $359,000

Excellent three bedroom year round cottage. Prime two lake chain. Lot is level with excellent sand bottom and child friendly.

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Bobcaygeon Road - $107,900

Three bedroom bungalow with 850 sq ft of living space - large kitchen dining area with deck - move in condition - school bus route - near hospital, schools & shopping.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234

Halls Lake Access - $159,900

Mature trees surround the completely level lot offering you very good privacy and winterized sunroom allows you to bring the outdoors in. Open concept kitchen/living room, garage. The sellers are willing to pay to the buyers lawyer, on closing, the land transfer tax.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext 43

South Lake Rd. - $249,000

Large 4 bedroom. New kitchen, new FAO furnace, 3 bathrooms, 2 car attached garage, comfortable rec room with airtight woodstove. Deeded access to Canning Lake part of Haliburton's 5 lake chain. Possible inlaw suite on the 3rd level.

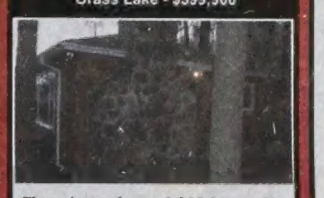
David Lee * 286-1234
www.haliburtonhighlands-realestate.ca

Stormy Lake - $379,900

3 bedroom, 1 bath Viceroy type cottage - big lake view. Vaulted windows w/cathedral ceilings & pine flooring. Open concept - fireplace in living room. Includes aluminum boat & motor, paddleboat, fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer and most of the furnishings.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext 24

Grass Lake - $399,900



Charming and cozy 1,000 (approx) sq ft 3 bedroom fully winterized cottage/home plus bunkie. Large 3 season sunroom, newer windows (2005), newer septic, drilled well and a very private hard sand beach. Turnkey (including boat & motor) - a real pleasure to show!

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Gull River - $349,900

Boat to Moore Lake, East Moore and Black Lake from this 3 bedroom winterized cottage/home with sand beach plus an insulated bunkie. Features; 2 car garage, bunkie, central air, propane fireplace, beautiful grounds on a level lot. SHOWS TO PERFECTION!!

Grace Lougheed * 286-4106

Kernohan Farm Trail - $265,000

3 bedroom on 3.55 acres - hardwood floors, sunken living room, master bedroom has an ensuite complete with jacuzzi tub plus walk-out, main floor laundry room, two 4 pce baths, large eat-in kitchen, central air & central vac, dishwasher. Detached insulated garge. Privacy Plus!!

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Halls Lake - $469,000

Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Paradox Lake - $1,149,000

Private lake 10 km from Haliburton. Architecturally designed custom-built 2496 sq. ft. home nestled on a point. Energy efficient poured concrete - vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling brick fireplace, heated slate & hardwood floors. Includes separately deeded 100-acre parcel.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext 27

Glamor Lake - $349,900

Enjoy the big lake view from this 4 bedroom, cedar Panabode cottage on Glamor Lake. Easy year round access. Level lot with plenty of room for the kids to play while you relax on the deck. Child friendly entry with a sand bottom. Large open concept with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace with an air tight wood burning insert.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Hunter Creek Estates - $89,900

Nicely updated 2 bedroom home in well-kept adult community. Laminate floors in living room, totally renovated kitchen and separate dining area. Master bedroom has ensuite. Monthly lease includes garbage pick up and snow plowing.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Peach Lake - $459,000

Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroy style with low E windows.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Minden Home - $269,900

R2000 Royal home w/ attached double insulated & dry walled garage, offering approx. 2,500 sq. ft. of living area, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths including jacuzzi tub, formal dining area, main floor laundry, lower level recreation room with wood airtight, side yard walk-out, nice rear deck.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414 ext 23

Irondale River - $25,000

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Mark Dennys 457-2128

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Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

Welcome Home! $339,000

Wonderful family home, within walking distance of the main street, but very private & well treed setting. 4 Bedrms, 3 baths, main flr. laundry, family room & rec room!

Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Handyman Special $89,000

3 bedroom, 1 bath on a private, well treed 30 acres just minutes from many great fishing lakes and the village of Haliburton.

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Large Home on Large Lot $264,000

1 1/2 storey 3 bdrm, 2 bathrm 2300 Sq.ft. home on private 3.46 acre lot 10 min. to Minden or Haliburton. Main flr master, dining rm & 2 living rms plus rec room.

Dagmar Boettcher- 286-2138

Bob Lake Cottage 389,000

Year round cottage includes bright kitchen, pine living room large sunroom deep water of dock and so much more. Only min from Minden.

Andrew Hodgson - 286-2128

Hunter Creek Inn $1,495,000

Established waterfront resort located just south of Minden. Suitable for many alternatives uses. Resort, spa, residences.... Call for details.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Kushog Lake $399,000

4 BR, 2 bath, with open concept, hardwood flrs, large DR & den with French doors, and fieldstone zero clearance fireplace, laundry & games room.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. $211,000

3 BR, 2 bath bungalow in Ingoldsby. View of Lake Kashagawigamog. Steps to lake access. Family rm w/ FP, sunrm, large deck, garage w/ workshop, gazebo building.

John Hincks 286-2138

4 Season Cottage $199,900

Cute 3 bedroom cottage/home with 127 feet along the Gull River. Deep water off the dock, comes fully furnished.

Kristin Withey 286-2138

World Famous Rockcliffe Hotel

Own a piece of history. Potential for buyer excelling in hospitality, food & beverage. Owner retiring after 30 successful years of operation but willing to assist in transition.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2128

Industrial Mall $596,500

Excellent Highway 35 Location, 8800 square feet of shop, storage and office space. Set up your business and lease space to compatible contracting specialists.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Minden Lake $364,900

3 bdrm home/cottage with 167' of waterfront on picturesque Minden Lake. Quiet neighbourhood, great swimming, fishing & near White Water Reserve. Simply move in.

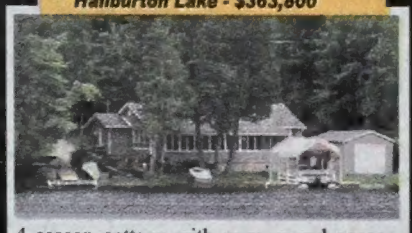
Paul Szpik – 457-2128

Perfect Starter Home $89,900

Perfect starter home, retirement home or investment opportunity. In Gooderham, large yard & vegetable garden area. Many recent upgrades completed.

Drew Bishop - 457-2128

Haliburton Lake - $363,800



4 season cottage with easy yr rnd access, level lot, 4 BR, lare screened room, bright kitchen, 120 ft frontage with sandy beach.

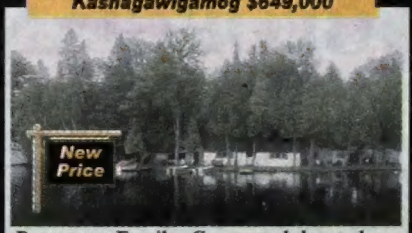
Wilf VanLieshout - 457-2128

Reduced & Motivated $99,700

Great opportunity for first time buyers, 2 BR, large yard, walk to Main Street and amenities. Recent appraisal higher than asking price. Call now!

Drew Bishop - 457-2128

Kashagawigamog $649,000



Resort or Family Compound located on Haliburton's most popular 5 lake chain. Sunset views, 5 cabins plus residence, level lot, easy year round access.

Anne Moulton 286-2128

Just Reduced $37,900

Build your dream home with easy access lot in Minden. Connect to town water & sewers with hydro at the roadside. Wonderful lot, close to amenities.

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